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3991	4-27-60	NY letter to HQ	1	1		
3992	4-28-60	SA memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
3993	4-28-60	NY letter to HQ	5	-		SEE NY file 100-109849
3994	5-2-60	SA memo to SAC	3	-		See NY file 100-109849
3995	5-2-60	SA memo to SAC	4	-		See NY file 100-109849
3995A	5-2-60	FD-306	1	0		
3996	5-3-60	LA letter to HQ	1	1		
3997	5-4-60	NH airtel to HQ w/enc.	3/2	3/0		
3998	5-4-60	FD-302	2	0		
3999	5-4-60	LA airtel to HQ	2	2		
4000	5-5-60	WFO airtel to HQ	1	1		
4001	5-5-60	WFO Teletype to HQ, CA, LA, NY	2	2		

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4002	5-6-60	HQ Airtel to WFO	1	1		
4003	5-6-60	HQ letter to AL	1	1		
4004	5-6-60	WFO airtel to HQ	2	1		
4004A	5-6-60	SA Memo to SAC	5	1		
4004B	5-6-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	-		NY FILE # 100-109849-735
4005	6-1-60	transmission sheet	1	1		
4006	5-9-60	NY letter to AL	5	0		
4007	5-10-60	NY airtel HQ	1	1		
4008	5-11-60	NY letter to C.G.	3	0		
4009	5-11-60	WFO airtel to HQ	2	2		
4010	5-11-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4011	4-22-60	FD-306	1	0		

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4012	5-11-60	SA Memo to file	1	1		
4013	5-11-60	SA Memo to SAC	6	0		
4014	5-12-60	SA Memo to SAC	8	-		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
4015	5-13-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	2		
4016	5-13-60	WFO Airtel to HQ w/ LHM	3/6	3/6		
4017	5-13-60	NY letter to HQ w/ LHM	1/5	1/5		
4018	5-16-60	FD-306	1	0		
4019	5-16-60	WFO Airtel to HQ	3	-		NY FILE # 100-109849
4020	5-17-60	FD-306	1	0		
4020A	5-18-60	SA Memo to SAC	5	4		
4021	5-19-60	NY letter to Co	5	-		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
4022	5-20-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	2		

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4023	5-20-60	SA Memo to SAC	1	1		
4024	5-23-60	Newspaper clipping / the worker	1	1		
4025	5-23-60	FD-306	1	0		
4026	5-23-60	FD-306	1	0		
4027	7-1-60	Send change out	1	1		
4028	5-2-60	FD-306	1	0		
4029	5-2-60	FD-306	1	0		
4030	5-2-60	FD-306	1	0		
4031	5-25-60	FD-306 w/ ENC	1/3	1/3		
4032	5-26-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	0		
4033	5-26-60	NY airtel to HQ w/enc	1/3	1/3		
4033A	5-26-60	NY letter HQ w/ FD	3	0		

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4033B	5-26-60	SA Memo to SAC	4	0		
4034	5-27-60	NY letter to HQ	1	1		
4034A	5-30-60	Newspaper / National Guardian	1	1		
4035	5-31-60	NY letter to LA	1	0		
4036	5-31-60	NY letter to DN	1	0		
4037	5-31-60	NY letter to SF	1	0		
4038	5-31-60	NY letter to CG	2	0		
4039	5-31-60	NY letter to CL	1	0		
4040	5-31-60	NY letter to NYP	1	0		
4041	6-1-60	WFO letter to NY	2	2		
4042	6-3-60	NY airtel to HQ	1	0		
4043	5-23-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-107111-49

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4044	5-24-60	SA Memo to SAC	4	3		
4045	5-25-60	SA Memo to SAC	5	+		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
4045A	5-26-60	SA Memo to SAC	5	0		
4046	6-2-60	SA Memo to SAC	4	-		See NY file 100-109849
4047	6-2-60	SA Memo to SAC	4	0		
4048	6-3-60	SA Memo to SAC	1	1		
4049	6-3-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	0		
4050	6-3-60	SA Memo to SAC	8	0		
4051	7-1-60	Serial Charge out	1	1		
4052	5-29-60	3rd Party Letter to HQ	2	2		
	6-7-60	HQ Letter to 3rd Party	2	2		
4053	6-7-60	WFO Letter to HQ	6	-		Refer to ANOTHER govt AGENCY
4054	6-7-60	NY Letter to IP	6	+		See NY file 100-37158

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4055	6-8-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	0		
4055A	6-8-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	-		See NY file 100-109849
4056	6-9-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	-		See NY file 100-109849
4056A	6-9-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	3		
4057	6-10-60	NY airtel to HQ	3	-		F1268 9-26-78 -768 See NY file 100-109849
4058	6-10-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4059	6-10-60	NY letter to PH	1	0		Process F1268 9-26-78 See NY file 100-109849
4059A	5-24-60	FD-306	1	0		
4060	6-13-60	NY airtel to MP	1	1		
4061	5-23-60	FD-306	5	0		
4061A	6-6-60	FD-306	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4061B	6-6-60	FD-306	2	-		See NY file 100-109849

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4061C	6-10-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4062	6-13-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4063	6-14-60	SI Report to HQ	5	5		
4064	6-20-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	3		
4065	6-16-60	SA Memo to SAC	1	1		
4066	6-16-60	SA Memo to SAC	4	4		
4067	6-16-60	BS Report to HQ	8	8		
4068	6-17-60	DG airtel to Hqs	1	0		
4069	6-17-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	2		
4070	6-17-60	SA Memo to SAC	4	0		Remove A268 103-X See NY file 100-37158
4071	6-20-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	2		
4071A	6-20-60	FD-306	1	0		

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4072	6-20-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	3		1
4072A	6-20-60	FD-306	1	0		
4073	6-24-60	NY letter to HQ w/enclosures	2/4	2/4		2 DUPES
4073A	6-20-60	FD-306	4	4		
4073B	6-20-60	FD 306	6	-		NY FILE # 100-109849
4073C	6-23-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	3		
4074	6-24-60	SA Memo to SAC	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4075	6-24-60	NH Report to HQ	36	29		
4075A	6-24-60	FD 306	2	-		See NY file 100-109849
4076	6-27-60	NY Dist to HQ	2	0		
4076A	6-27-60	FD 306	1	0		
4076B	6-28-60	FD 306	1	0		

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4076C	6-28-60	FD 306	1	0		
4076D	5-27-60	774 letter to HQ	1	1		
4077	6-29-60	WFO letter to NY	1	—		Refer to another serial
4078	6-29-60	MP letter to HQ	2	2		
4079	6-29-60	SA Memo to SAC	3	—		NY FILE # 100-109849
4080	6-29-60	MP letter to HQ	1	1		
4081	6-29-60	DE letter to HQ	2	2		
4082	6-30-60	NY letter to BA	8	5		See NY file 100-109849
4083	6-30-60	NY airtel to HQ	2	2		
4084	6-30-60	LA letter to NY	1	1		
4085	6-30-60	CH airtel to HQ w/LHM	2/4	2/4		

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# FEDERAL BUREAU

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# INVESTIGATION

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*Sub C 20th Guardiam*

*Sub D Manning Foresters*

*Sub E Forestry Bureau*

*Sub F N.Y. Informants*

*Sub G Misc. Clerk (N.Y. Bureau)*

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*10/10/47*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 4/27/60

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-12292)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bureau 0-1 form 4/21/60, to surep immediately.

A review of the Miami file reveals that in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/14/59, at Miami, information is set forth that this group has not held a meeting since 1954. The only activity related to this group as indicated by referenced report has been the sporadic fund raising activity of two individuals. The group has no officers. b7c

Since the submission of referenced report, this disorganized fund raising has continued on a decreased basis. Pertinent information relating to this has been furnished to the Bureau and New York by Miami letter 1/26/60, airtel 2/8/60, and letter 4/20/60.

Miami has adequate coverage on the fund raising activity of the two afore-mentioned individuals through [REDACTED]. Both of these individuals are subjects of separate Security Matter investigations by the Miami Office and their activities are investigated and reported in accordance with current Bureau instructions. b7D

Inasmuch as this group has not been active for the past six years and considering that the limited fund raising activity of the two principle individuals appears to be adequately covered by an informant, further active investigation of this group does not appear warranted at this time. Miami is RUCing the investigation on the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The Bureau and New York will be promptly advised of any pertinent information secured in the future that relates to this organization. 100-107111-3991

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2 - Bureau (RM)

2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)

1 - Miami

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SERIAL 3995-A DATE 5-2-60

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety,  
under (b)(1) as it has been classified pursuant  
to Executive Order 11652 as it contains  
information which would disclose an intelligence  
source. This serial bears the Classification  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950  
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Re Los Angeles airtels 4/7 and 13/68 and Bulet  
4/14/68.

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[REDACTED] b1

A description and photographs of WEATHER <sup>HIVE B-1N</sup> ~~LEAVE~~ for-  
warded New York and Washington Field Office by separate com-  
munication. This matter will be closely followed by Los  
Angeles and interested offices will be advised.

- 3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)(REGISTERED)
- ② - New York (100-107111)(REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-25474)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (INFO)(REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-41648)(100-43372 - CINAI)

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May 4, 1960

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)  
RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA - 50  
CINAL

Reference: New Haven airtel to Bureau, 4/22/60, a photostatic copy of which is enclosed for WFO and Chicago.

[REDACTED] public meeting  
held at 5:00 P.M., on 4/27/60, at New Haven, and also [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that another meeting concerning the Sobell case was being  
held by the CSJVS at 7:00 P.M., on 4/27/60, at the Yale University  
Law School for the faculty members and students of Yale University.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc-1) (RM)
- ② - New York (Enc-1) (RM)  
(1-100-10711; [REDACTED])
- 2 - Washington Field (Enc-2) (RM)
- 3 - New Haven  
(1-100-14203)  
(1-100-16472-CINAL)

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[REDACTED] of the C. I.

[REDACTED] has voluntarily  
furnished information to the FBI  
advised on October 8, 1953, that LOUIS ZEREL  
was at that time an active CP sympathizer.

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[REDACTED]

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PAGE THREE

[REDACTED] that KULBERG maintains his residence at 1520 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D  
Inasmuch as KULBERG resides in Washington, D.C., and is employed by the CSJMS in New York City, no further investigation of KULBERG is being conducted by the NHO and the above is being furnished for the information of the New York Office and Washington Field Office.

The 4/23/60 edition of the "Yale Daily News", a student newspaper published daily at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., contains an article on Page 3 reflecting that Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS spoke on the evening of 4/27/60 at the Yale University Law School in behalf of the CSJMS. According to this article, Rev. TOMPKINS claimed that SOBELL was unjustly convicted as a result of his connection with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, who were convicted and executed for divulging atomic secrets to the USSR; that he was convicted on the testimony of a "congenital liar"; that SOBELL had been in jail long enough; and he also criticized the U.S. penal system, branding it "completely ineffective".

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.



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SERIAL 3998 DATE 4/29/60

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of this information would constitute an  
unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  
RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; INTERNAL SECURITY  
ACT OF 1950

ReBulet to Los Angeles 4/14/60 and Los Angeles  
radiogram to Bureau 5/4/60.

[REDACTED]

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On 5/4/60, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] American Airlines, Los Angeles, California,

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LA 100-41648

advised SA [REDACTED] that reservation records contain the following schedule for NEWMAN:

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Leave International Airport, Los Angeles, American Airlines Flight 78 11:55 p.m. 5/8/60. Arrive Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, 7:45 a.m. 5/9/60.

She will travel between Baltimore, Maryland, to Idlewild Airport, New York, via surface transportation on an unknown date.

Leave Idlewild Airport, North West Airlines Flight 521 1:30 p.m. 5/15/60. Arrive Minneapolis, Minnesota, 5:03 p.m. 5/15/60.

Leave Minneapolis, Minnesota, North West Flight 12 5 p.m. 5/19/60. Arrive Detroit, Michigan, 8:30 p.m. 5/19/60.

Leave Detroit North West Flight 536 12:40 p.m. 5/22/60. Arrive Cleveland, Ohio, 2:32 p.m. 5/22/60.

Leave Cleveland Capital Flight 737 5:40 p.m. 5/26/60. Arrive Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois, 6:20 p.m. 5/26/60.

[REDACTED] 6/

Any information regarding changes in NEWMAN's itinerary will be immediately furnished to interested offices.

5/5/60

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTED TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950  
(OO: NY)

Re WFO radiogram 5/5/60 re travel plans of IRMA  
"WIDGE" VIVIAN NEWMAN, with instructions for BA Office to  
institute alert on NEWMAN when she arrives at Friendship  
Airport, BA, Md., 7:45 A. M., 5/9/60, and handle until  
she arrives Washington, D. C.

Enclosed for BA are two photographs of NEWMAN. NY  
is being furnished one photograph of NEWMAN for info.

NEWMAN is described as follows: Race, white; sex,  
female; born 6/26/25; height, 5'3"; weight, 115 lbs.; medium  
build; black hair; green eyes and single.

WFO possesses no information as to whether NEWMAN  
will be met at Friendship Airport or if she will use public  
transportation.

BA should telephonically contact WFO, SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as soon as  
NEWMAN's mode of travel is known. WFO relieving units will  
stand-by in the vicinity of D. C. line and Baltimore-  
Washington Parkway. b7c

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Baltimore (100-15241) (Encls. 2) (RM) (SD)  
1 - New York (100-107111) (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
2 - WFO

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Photo of  
NY 100-123038  
[initials]

[Handwritten signature and initials]

URGENT 5-5-60 5-56 PM JG

TO - DIRECTOR /100-387835/ AND SACS, BALTIMORE /100-15241/, LOS ANGELS,  
AND NEW YORK 7 /100-107111/  
FROM SAC WASHINGTON FIELD /100-25474/

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, IS DASH C, ISA OF  
NINETEEN FIFTY. RE BUREAU LET FOUR FOURTEEN SIXTY, INSTRUCTING WFO TO  
COVER ACTIVITIES OF IRMA QUOTE WIDGE UNQUOTE VIVIAN NEWMAN UPON HER  
ARRIVAL WASHINGTON, D. C., FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIF. NEWMAN  
REPORTED TO BE NEW NATIONAL ORGANIZER CAPTIONED GROUP. LA BY RADIOGRAM  
FIVE FOUR SIXTY REPORTS NEWMAN SCHEDULED LEAVE LA ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE P.M.  
FIVE EIGHT SIXTY VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT SEVENTYEIGHT AND ARRIVE  
FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BA, MD., SEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M.,  
FIVE NINE SIXTY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LA RADIOGRAM REPORTS NEWMAN ON  
UNKNOWN DATE WILL TRAVEL TO IDLEWILD AIRPORT, NY, VIA SURFACE  
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TRANSPORTATION AND IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THERE ONE THIRTY P.M.,  
FIVE FIFTEEN SIXTY. WFO WILL CONDUCT FISUR ON NEWMAN DURING  
HER STAY WDC AND BA SHOULD INSTITUTE FISUR ON NEWMAN AT  
FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT FIVE NINE SIXTY AND HANDLE UNTIL SHE  
ARRIVES WDC AREA. WFO BY AIRTEL IS FURNISHING BA WITH  
PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTION OF NEWMAN. LA SHOULD FURNISH BA  
AND WFO DESCRIPTION OF ATTIRE OF NEWMAN WHEN SHE DEPARTS LA  
AND ANY CHANGE IN TRAVEL PLANS.

END AND ACK PLS

WA R 7 NY JLD

May 6, 1960

Airtel

To: SAC, Washington Field (100-25474)

From: Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

Reurairtel 5-6-60 concerning captioned matter.

Bureau authority is granted to conduct a physical  
surveillance of Irma Vivian Newman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Any surveillance conducted should  
be handled in an extremely discreet manner. b7D

(1 - New York (100-107111-))

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SAC, Albany (100-13260)

May 6, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Reurlet 4-27-60 which transmitted copies  
of a letterhead memorandum concerning the Syracuse  
Sobell Committee.

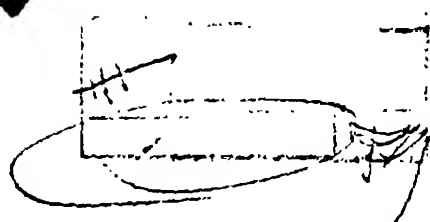
A review of the letterhead memorandum  
furnished by relet discloses you have characterized  
the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton  
Sobell as having been designated pursuant to Executive  
Order 10450. For your information, this characteriza-  
tion is incorrect and your attention is directed to  
the proper characterization for captioned organization  
as set out in SAC Letter 60-2 (F).

You should charge personnel responsible  
for the preparation and approval with form errors.  
The correct characterization for this organization  
should again be brought to the attention of all  
Agents handling security matters in order to pre-  
vent a recurrence of this error.

1 - New York (100-107111)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
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ReBulet 4/14/60, instructing WFO to cover the  
activities of IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN when she visits Washington,  
D. C.

[REDACTED] b7D

By radiogram 5/4/60, the LA Office reported NEWMAN  
will arrive Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Md., 7:45 A. M.,  
5/9/60.

[REDACTED] b7D

WFO, with initial assistance by the BA Office, will  
conduct fisur on NEWMAN while in Washington, D. C., to deter-  
mine her activities.

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3 - Bureau  
(1) - New York (100-107111) (Info) (RM)  
1 - WFO

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

DATE: 5/6/60

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4/29/60	Writer	[REDACTED]
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who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.

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## APPENDIX

### COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

#### SOURCE:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C;  
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SA [REDACTED] received [REDACTED] on 5/10/60 a form letter and invitation issued by the sponsors of a Sobell Discussion Meeting At The Community Church Of New York, 430 East 35th Street, New York 16, New York", which indicated that a public meeting would be held in NYC on 5/24/60 at which the panel of speakers would be "U.S. Congressman RANDALL S. HARTON, 10th District, Indiana; NORMAN THOMAS; Reverend THOMAS KILGORE; DWIGHT MACDONALD; CONRAD LYNN; Mrs. MORTON SOBELL; Chairman WILLIAM KUNSTLER".

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A copy is being furnished the WFO inasmuch as HARTON might possibly be contacted by IRMA HERSMAN of the Los Angeles staff of the CSJMS currently in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of securing Congressional support.

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-25474) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950  
(OO: NY)

ReBuairtel 5/6/60, captioned as above, authorizing  
fisar of IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN

Following is a summary of NEWMAN's activities in  
Washington, D. C.:

Subject NEWMAN arrived Washington, D. C., Monday  
morning, 5/9/60, traveling via bus from Friendship Airport,  
Baltimore, Md. She resided during stay in this area at 4916  
Flanders Ave., Garrett-Park, Md., residence of RAY and RUTH  
PINKSON, both of whom are security subjects of WFO.

On Monday afternoon, 5/9/60, NEWMAN met AARON KATZ,  
national organizer of subject organization.

On Tuesday afternoon, 5/10/60, NEWMAN visited  
office of Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL of California, Room 1327,  
New Senate Office Building, First St. and Constitution Ave.,  
N. E., remaining in this office for approximately thirty  
minutes. Thereafter, NEWMAN met SARAH HAMMOND, former national  
organizer of subject organization and local representative  
of Sobell Committee. Subsequently, HAMMOND and NEWMAN visited  
residence of ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring,  
Md., local Sobell Committee leader.

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3 - Bureau  
(2) - New York (100-107111) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Los Angeles (100-41648) (Info) (RM)  
2 - WFO

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At approximately noon on Wednesday, 5/11/60, NEWMAN purchased a one-way ticket to New York City, and indicated she intended to depart Washington, D.C., on Pennsylvania train departing Washington, D.C., at 6:00 p.m., EDT. This is Pennsylvania Railroad train #156 arriving New York City at 9:55 p.m.

During afternoon of Wednesday, 5/11/60, NEWMAN and AARON KATZ again met in a public tavern and engaged in extensive conversation regarding fund raising, literature distribution and contacts re captioned matter.

Later in the afternoon of Wednesday, 5/11/60, NEWMAN visited the office of U.S. Representative BYRON L. JOHNSON of Colorado, Old House Office Building, Room 442; she remained in this office approximately 15 minutes.

NEWMAN at 6:00 p.m. this date, boarded Pennsylvania train #156, car #1648, destined for New York City. She was traveling alone. At time of departure, she was wearing gray knit sweater, gray skirt, tan raincoat, no hat. Her baggage was checked through to New York City at 1:00 p.m. this date.

New York Office cognizant of above.

WFO, in compliance with Bulet 4/14/60, will submit letterhead memorandum concerning NEWMAN's pertinent contacts, Washington, D. C.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL;  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN, aka;  
SM-C

At 2:10 PM, 5/11/60, [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office telephonically communicated with me and referred to Los Angeles airtel of 4/20/60 concerning IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN'S trip to Washington, D.C. The Washington Field has had NEWMAN under surveillance [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the indications are now that NEWMAN will leave Washington on the Pennsylvania Railroad, train #156, leaving Washington at 6:00 PM and arriving New York at 9:55 PM this date. He stated that he is merely furnishing the above for our information as there is *b7D, b7C* no request for a surveillance.

I discussed this matter with Supervisor [REDACTED] as well as with SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and it was *b7C* agreed that there is no necessity of a surveillance on NEWMAN while she is in the New York area.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

5/13/60

SA [REDACTED] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

b7E On March 16, 1960, [REDACTED] personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of [REDACTED] the bank account of captioned organization for the month of February, 1960. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. The report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

At the present time correspondence is being conducted with the Bureau concerning the manner in which information received from this source should be reported. Pending receipt of clarification from the Bureau, the statement regarding the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum should not be included in reports setting forth information concerning the payees of checks passing through this account.

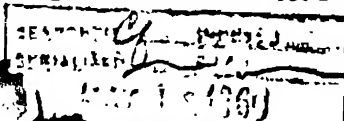
The report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			\$798.57
3	\$51.00		747.57
5		149.00	896.57
8	150.00		746.57
10		386.00	1,132.57
11	4.00		1,128.57
11	100.00		1,028.57
18		924.57	1,953.32
18	69.58 \$50.00		1,833.74
24	10.00		1,823.74
26		81.00	1,904.74
29	50.00 500.00		1,354.74

- ① - New York (RM)  
1 - 100-10711 (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)  
3 - Chicago

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<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$150.00	Cash	Us
4.00	Comm. To Secure Justice	Chemical Corn - New York
	M. Sobell	
100.00	Cash	Us
69.58	"	"
50.00	"	"
51.00	General Services Admin- istration	Federal Reserve - Chicago
10.00	HEDDA BASKER	Lincolnwood Bank - Lincoln- wood, Ill.
50.00	Roosevelt Chain Co.	Merchants Nat'l. - Chicago
500.00	Comm. to Secure Justice	Chemical Corn - New York
	M. Sobell	

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May 13, 1960

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL, aka  
IS-C; ISA of 1950  
(OO:NY)

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ReBuAirtel 5/6/60 authorizing WFO to conduct fisur  
on IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN [REDACTED] b7D

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum containing a summary of information concerning NEWMAN's contacts while in WDC 5/9-11/60.

New York is being furnished three copies, Albany one and Los Angeles two copies of this memorandum.

The Bureau is alerted that the attached memorandum contains information regarding NEWMAN's visits to the offices of Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL, California, on Tuesday, 5/10/60 and Congressman BYRON L. JOHNSON, Colorado, on Wednesday, 5/11/60.

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5 - Bureau (Encls. 10)

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(3 - New York (Encls. 3) (100-107111) (RM)

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1 - Albany (Encl. 1) (RM)

2 - Los Angeles (Encls. 2) (100-41648) (RM)

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WFO 100-25474

Bureau is also alerted to the information in the attached memorandum regarding conversation between NEWMAN and AARON KATZ, National Organizer of captioned group, in which KATZ stated he has a friend who attended Cornell University with AG WILLIAM ROGERS. KATZ expressed the opinion that this friend might be able to be of help "to us in this respect".

WFO possesses no information as to the identity of the above person.

New York and Albany should remain alert for information concerning the identity of this individual.

WFO is disseminating locally to OSI, 4th District; ONI, PRNC; G-2, MDW.

Agents participating in the fisur of NEWMAN are as follows:

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[REDACTED]

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5/11/60 - SA  
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SA [REDACTED] observed NEWMAN enter Senator KUCHEL's office; SA [REDACTED] observed NEWMAN leave this office.

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WFO 100-25474

SA [REDACTED] observed NEWMAN enter and leave Congressman JOHNSON's office. b7c

SA [REDACTED] overheard the conversation between NEWMAN and AARON KATZ. b7c

INFORMANTS

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WF T-7

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WF T-8

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the memorandum only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The informant used in the description of the Washington Sobell Committee is [REDACTED] b7D

The enclosed memorandum has been classified "Confidential" because data furnished by WF T-1, WF T-2, WF T-4, WF T-5, WF T-6, and WF T-8, could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof:



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington 25, D.C.  
May 13, 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

A description of the above organization is attached.

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The CP and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAs of the FBI) observed that "Widge" Newman arrived in Washington, D. C., during the morning of Monday, May 9, 1960, and left by train destined for New York City at 6:00 P. M., Wednesday, May 11, 1960. During her visit in the Washington, D. C., area, she resided at the residence of Ray and Ruth Pinkson, 4816 Flanders Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported [REDACTED] that Ray Pinkson was a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., during 1946-1948. [REDACTED] b20

Ruth Paull, also known as Ruth Pinksen, was identified by WF T-4 on February 13, 1945, as a current member of the Henry Forbes Community Club of the CPA, New York City. Her address at that time was 200 East 16th Street, New York City. WF T-4 has furnished reliable information in the past.

SAs of the FBI on Monday afternoon, May 9, 1960, observed that Newman met Aaron Katz in the vicinity of Second and C Streets, Northeast, Washington, D. C. They then proceeded to walk to the Neptune Grill, 145 Pennsylvania Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D. C., where they dined.

WF T-4 reported on April 27, 1944, that Aaron Katz was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP, New York City, on December 23, 1943. According to informant, Katz in 1944 held CP membership book Number 31250.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on January 18, 1960, that Aaron Katz is an organizer of captioned organization and handles the east coast area. b2

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RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

SAs of the FBI observed that Newman entered the office of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, California, room 1327 New Senate Office Building, 1st and Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C., at approximately 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 1960. She left this office at approximately 4:12 p.m.

Subsequently, at approximately 4:31 p.m. on this date, Newman met Sarah Hammond in the vicinity of 2nd and C Streets, N.E. These two individuals then traveled together in Hammond's automobile to the Hammond residence, 8802 Glenville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

[REDACTED]

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SAs of the FBI, on May 10, 1960, observed that "Widge" Newman, Sarah Hammond and her husband, David Hammond, at approximately 8:37 p.m. entered the residence of Joseph and Ethel Weichbrod, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a known CP member stated that Joseph and Ethel Weichbrod admitted to him that they were current CP members.

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[REDACTED]

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SAs of the FBI on May 10, 1960, at approximately 9:10 p.m., observed Al and Sylvia Bernstein enter the Weichbrod residence.

On February 26, 1953, [REDACTED] identified Al and Sylvia Bernstein as current CP members.

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It is noted that [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on March 9, 1960, that Ethel Weichbrod and Sylvia Bernstein have been the leaders of the Washington Sobell Committee in the past. Informant stated that Sarah Hammond has also

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RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

taken an active role in the Washington Sobell Committee.

A description of the Washington Sobell Committee is attached. The sources used in this description have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAs of the FBI, on May 11, 1960 observed that "Widge" Newman met Aaron Katz at the American Grill, 139 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C., at approximately 4:00 p.m. They remained at this restaurant until approximately 4:25 p.m. at which time they separated. An SA of the FBI overheard the following conversation between Newman and Katz.

Newman said she will not write a report on what has happened in Washington, D. C. when she returns home. She said she spoke to Ruth Pinkson last night and that Ruth had suggested some excellent ideas on how to raise money. She said that Ray and Ruth Pinkson will raise \$100.00. Newman stated she had met "Sylvia, Ethel and her husband" and they are all willing to work and that she is very impressed with them.

Katz discussed literature and asked Newman to show him the literature she had with her. Both Newman and Katz agreed that letters must be sent out if the project is expected to succeed.

Katz stated that a friend attended Cornell University with U.S. Attorney General William Rogers and Katz expressed the opinion that this friend might be able to be of help "to us in this respect".

SAs of the FBI on May 11, 1960 observed that Newman, at approximately 4:52 p.m., entered room 442 of the Old House Office Building, 1st and Independence Avenue S.E., Washington, D. C., the office of Congressman Byron L. Johnson of Colorado. She left this office at approximately 5:15 p.m.

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## COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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## WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

A source advised on December 7, 1959, that the Washington Sobell Committee is the current affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell located in New York City. Source advised that the Washington Sobell Committee is the successor group to the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which was formed in Washington, D. C., in 1952.

This source on December 7, 1959, reported that the Washington Sobell Committee remains in existence in Washington, D. C., but that this organization has been rather inactive recently. This source added that the main objectives of the Washington Sobell Committee are to obtain the release of Morton Sobell, who is a prisoner in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, and to embarrass the United States Government where possible. This source advised that the Washington Sobell Committee currently follows the Communist Party line regarding the Sobell case.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is characterized separately in the appendix.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)

5/13/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C  
ISA OF 1950

Re NY airtel dated 5/10/60, which advised the Bureau that a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) was scheduled to be held in NYC on 5/24/60, and that among the proposed speakers was United States Congressman RANDALL S. HARMON of the 10th District of the State of Indiana.

Attached hereto are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information contained in an invitation to a proposed meeting of the CSJMS to be held 5/24/60, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, NYC, and a cover letter dated May 9, 1960, signed by HORACE M. KALLEN.

The items quoted in the attached letterhead memorandum were received by SA [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] on 5/10/60. A copy of this letter and the letterhead memorandum is being furnished the Washington Field Office inasmuch as Congressman HARMON might possibly have been contacted by IRMA (WIDEN) NEWMAN of the Los Angeles staff of the CSJMS, who made a trip to Washington, D. C. for the purpose of securing Congressional support for the CSJMS. b7c  
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A case file is not being opened on the "Sponsors of Sobell Discussion Meeting at the Community Church of NY" inasmuch as it is felt that this is a temporary organization sponsored by the CSJMS for the purpose of promoting this single meeting.

- 2 - Bureau (100-367835) (Encls. 5) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (100-25474) (Encls. 1) (RM)
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New York, New York  
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Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell  
Internal Security - C  
Internal Security Act of 1950

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached hereto.

A confidential source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available on May 10, 1960, literature received through the mail in behalf of Morton Sobell. This literature, three pieces, was sent over the letterhead of the "Sponsors of Sobell Discussion Meeting c/o The Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York City" and is described as follows:

A. A form letter dated May 9, 1960, on the above stationery signed by Horace M. Kallen addressed "Dear Friend" which is set forth as follows:

"May 9, 1960

"Dear Friends:

"Enclosed herewith is an invitation to hear a discussion of the legal and moral issues involved in the prolonged imprisonment of Morton Sobell. The sponsors of this discussion and the discussants believe that patriotic Americans of all faiths and parties are agreed that it has long been time to restore this man to his freedom and his family.

"The purpose of the meeting is to bring to the attention of our fellow-citizens the many diverse reasons for so believing. A meeting, however, can reach only a

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limited number of all who ought to be reached. It has been proposed therefore, if the costs can be raised, to purchase space in the New York Times, and there publish a summary of what the speakers have had to say about the continuing imprisonment of Morton Sobell.

I very much hope you will accept the invitation to attend the meeting, and so indicate on the enclosed card. But I am, also venturing to ask you to help with a contribution toward the purchase of the necessary space in the Times, and to enclose a cheque for whatever you can give with your return card. The cheque may be drawn to the order of The Sponsors Of the Sobell Discussion Meeting or c/o me personally.

"I undertake that all gifts made through us will be used for the purpose I have set forth and for no other.

"Yours very sincerely,

"Horace M. Kallen"

B. A printed invitation which is set forth as follows:

Page I

"You are cordially invited

by

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Professor Victor Paschkis  
Reverend A. J. Muste  
Rabbi Harry Halpern  
Jerome Nathanson  
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Dr. Leo Mayer  
Max Eastman  
Conrad Lynn  
Howard Radest  
John P. Finerty  
Norman Thomas  
Dr. Horace Kallen  
Dwight Macdonald  
Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr  
Reverend Thomas Kilgore  
Reverend Donald Harrington

to  
attend a public discussion  
of a very urgent issue"

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"The Case of Morton Sobell

Tuesday  
May 24th, 1950  
6:15 P.M.

The Community Church  
40 East 35th Street  
New York City

There will be no admission charge

R.S.V.P."

Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
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Page IIII "Panel of Speakers

U. S. Congressman  
Randall S. Harmon  
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Author of radio program "Justice", and  
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C. A printed form on which the recipient could record his desire to attend, the amount of his contribution, and a space for his name and address and attached to an returned self-addressed envelope.

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**Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell**

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ...."

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("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-37667)

DATE: 5/18/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On 4/27/60, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]. This information was dictated into statement form on 5/2/60, transcribed by Stenographer [REDACTED] on 5/5/60, and read and initialed by the informant on 5/9/60. It is maintained in [REDACTED] b7c b7D

"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
April 27, 1960

"On April 22, 1960, the Philadelphia Sobell Committee sponsored a public meeting which was held in a meeting room on the third floor of the YMCA, 1421 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This room was large enough to accommodate fifty to sixty individuals, [REDACTED] b7D

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1 - WFO (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (Registered Mail)  
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"JEAN FRANTJIS, a member of the Planning Committee of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, chaired the meeting and she introduced Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois, as the principal speaker. In her introduction, FRANTJIS said that the small number of people present at the meeting was no indication of the great interest in the case of MORTON SOBELL and she said that the small turnout was probably attributable to the Jewish holidays.

"TOMPKINS, at the start of his speech, said he did not care about the small turnout; that the important thing was for him to reach the people present. He said that he had been to Washington, D. C., attempting to obtain clemency for MORTON SOBELL through both executive and judicial channels, and that he planned to again visit Washington, D. C., before he returned to his church in Chicago.

"TOMPKINS said that the important thing at the present time is to get MORTON SOBELL out of jail either on the basis of executive clemency or by obtaining a new trial for him. He said that it was not important whether people trying to get SOBELL out of jail thought he was guilty or not, since SOBELL's innocence could be established later. TOMPKINS said that he had reviewed the transcript of MORTON SOBELL's trial and he thought personally that SOBELL was not guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage and he emphasized that SOBELL was convicted solely on the testimony of a known perjurer, MAX ELITCHER. TOMPKINS continued that he had read the book 'The Atom Spy Hoax' by WILLIAM A. REUBEN and after reading this book, he was also convinced that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were also not guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage.

"TOMPKINS continued that he had initiated an appeal to clergymen in the Chicago area, urging them to join in the campaign to obtain clemency for MORTON SOBELL. He said that he had sent out 1,000 pieces of literature in

"connection with this clergy appeal in the Chicago area and had received 240 responses. TOMPKINS said it is necessary for the Philadelphia Sobell Committee and others who are working for clemency for SOBELL to spread word of SOBELL's innocence to church groups, trade unions, and other organizations. TOMPKINS pointed out that SOBELL has been in prison for ten years, which is a long time, and he said that SOBELL should be released now whether or not he was guilty.

"TOMPKINS said that many members of his congregation are ex-convicts and that his church in Chicago is located in a 'tenderloin district' and it was his observation that jail had done no good for any of these ex-convicts.

"During TOMPKINS' speech, he made reference to the Sacco-Vancetti and TOM MOONEY Cases and he said that these individuals were victims of miscarriages of justice. TOMPKINS also said that MOONEY, after his release from prison, became a 'big mouth and a person to be avoided' because jail had destroyed him, and TOMPKINS was afraid that jail might destroy MORTON SOBELL. TOMPKINS did not appear to be familiar with the Sacco-Vancetti Case, as was evidenced by his repeated mispronunciations of their names.

"During his speech, TOMPKINS stated that some of his relatives were in the audience and he added that he had not seen these people for several years. TOMPKINS did not refer to these relatives by name, nor did he single them out in the audience.

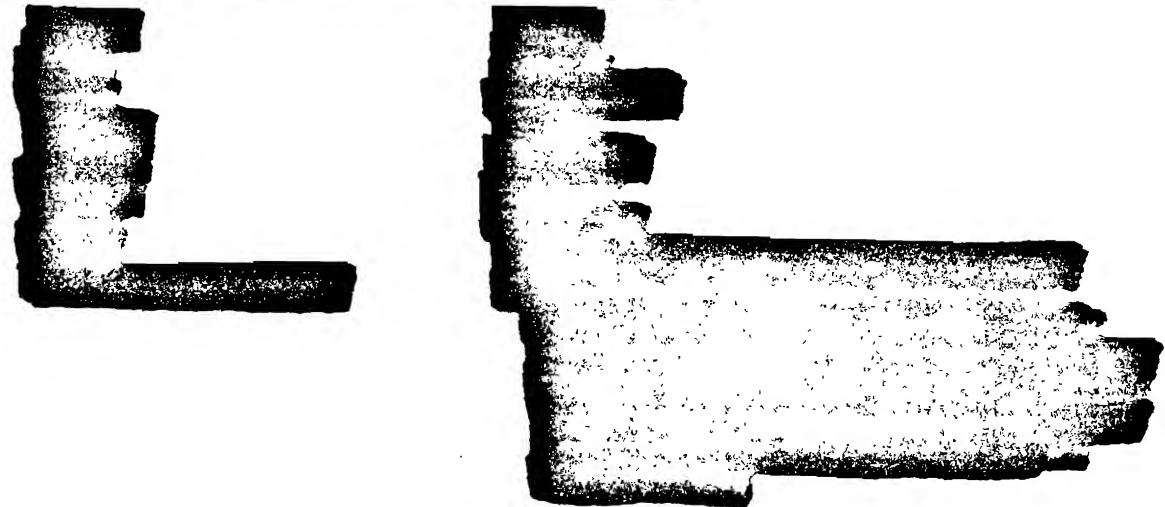



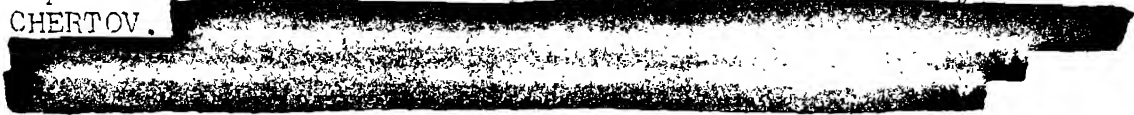
"After TOMPKINS' speech, a question and answer period was held and one of the question and answer period was held and one of the questions directed to TOMPKINS was why the American Civil Liberties Union refused to take a stand on the MORTON SOBELL Case. Before TOMPKINS could answer, JEAN FRANTJIS interrupted and said that while the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union refused to take a stand on the SOBELL Case, many individual

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"members of the American Civil Liberties Union (whom she did not name) are working for clemency for SOBELL.

"TOMPKINS is described as a white male, age in mid-fifties, height six feet, weight approximately 170 pounds, build thin, hair graying, eyes color not known, wears steel-framed glasses.

"Following TOMPKINS' speech, JEAN FRANTJIS made a collection speech and the collection, itself, was taken up by PEARL CHERTOV.



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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

May 20, 1960

SA JOHN J. POARDE, JR.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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b7E On April 13, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of [REDACTED] the bank account of captioned organization for the month of March, 1960. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. b7D

Report filed in [REDACTED] b7D

At the present time correspondence is being conducted with the Bureau regarding the proper manner of setting forth this information in reports. Pending clarification, the "subpoena duces tecum" statement should not be used in reporting information pertaining to the payees of checks passing through this account.

Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

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- 3- Chicago [REDACTED]

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Chicago Sobell Committee  
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			\$1354.74
3/1/60	\$50.26		1304.48
3/2/60	10.87		1293.61
3/3/60	51.00	\$20.84	1221.77
3/4/60	3.00		1218.77
3/7/60	9.85		1208.92
3/14/60	14.94		1193.98
3/15/60		\$92.00	1285.98
3/17/60	100.00		1185.98
3/23/60	159.94		1026.04
3/25/60		73.00	1099.04
3/31/60	51.00	10.42	1037.62

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$10.87	Cash	us
51.00	General Services Administration	Federal Reserve - Chicago
20.84	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chicago
3.00	WIDGE NEWMAN	Citizen's National - Los Angeles, California
9.85	Committee Secure Justice M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
14.94	Cash	us
100.00	Cash	us
159.94	Executive Travel	American National - Chicago
50.26	IRVING NEBENZAHL	Exchange National - Chicago



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**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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On 4/28/60, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SA [REDACTED] the following items of literature obtained at a meeting of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee [REDACTED] b7c b7D

1. Booklet captioned, "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL" NY containing a letter and a report to the President of the United States dated 1/5/60.

2. A mimeographed pamphlet containing same info as #1 above.

3. A leaflet captioned, "Who's Giving Away Secrets Now?" Text of or editorial from the St. Petersburg, Florida, Times 11/14/59.

4. An editorial from "The Detroit News" 5/30/58, captioned, "The Commentator" by W. K. KELSEY reprinted by the C.S.J.F.N.S., N.Y.

5. April-May 1959 issue of "The Catholic Worker" containing an article on Page 2, "Time, Conscience and the Sobell Case."

These items are retained in 100-37667-1B-32 (26).

① New York (100-107111)(RM)

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## Notables to Discuss Sobell Case Tuesday

Under sponsorship of a group of eminent New Yorkers, a public discussion of the Morton Sobell case will be held Tuesday, May 24 at 8:15 p. m. at the Community Church, 40 East 35 St.

Sobell is seeking a new trial of freedom from the 30-year prison sentence imposed for alleged conspiracy to commit espionage.

The panel of speakers will include Rep. Randall S. Harmon of Indiana; Norman Thomas; Dwight Macdonald, magazine writer and critic; Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Friendship Baptist Church; Conrad Lynn, attorney, and Mrs. Morton Sobell.

Chairman of the discussion will be William Kunstler, professor of law at New York Law School.

Sponsors of the discussion include: Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Prof. Victor Paschkis, Rev. A. J. Muste, Rabbi Harry Halpern, Jerome Nathanson, Maxwell Geismar, Murray Kempton, Dr. Leo Mayer, Max Eastman, Howard Radest, John F. Finerty, Dr. Horace Kallen, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, and Rev. Donald Harrington.

Sobell is now at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta in his 10th year of imprisonment. He was arrested in 1950, and tried in 1951 with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

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② Statement re SOBELL by IRWIN EDELMAN

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# THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL

Tuesday ~ May 24th, 1960 ~ 8:15 P.M.

The Community Church

40 East 35th Street ~ New York

*There will be no admission charge*

## *Panel of Speakers*

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## *Chairman*

William Kunstler

Professor of law, New York Law School  
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See reverse side for a statement on  
the Sobell case made by an eminent  
group of theologians and law professors  
based on their independent study.

The following statement on the Morton Sobell case was made by the undersigned after their independent study:

# A STATEMENT ON THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL

The undersigned are American citizens who believe that the sentence of Morton Sobell should now be commuted. Sobell was convicted of conspiring with others to transmit to the Soviet Union writings and information relating to the national defense of the United States and was sentenced on April 1, 1951 to serve thirty years in Federal Prison.

Morton Sobell was tried with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were convicted of espionage in connection with the atomic bomb and who were sentenced to death and later executed. Sobell, however, was never implicated in any way with involvement in the atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted. This fact was confirmed by the judge who sentenced Sobell.

This statement is not concerned with the Rosenberg conviction. The undersigned are and consistently have been convinced anti-Communists. None is associated with any organization, committee, or group of any kind concerned either with the case of the Rosenbergs or that of Sobell, nor are any of the undersigned connected in any way with Morton Sobell or any members of his family. After study of the case, we believe that the following considerations warrant a commutation of the very heavy sentence Sobell is now serving.

- 1) Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.
- 2) The charges against Sobell, supported mainly by the testimony of one man, Max Elitcher, were that he had solicited information, and had on one occasion taken something which looked like a can of film to Julius Rosenberg. No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record. The case against him, therefore, is vague in content and slender in proof. The possibility that a trip to Mexico which he and his family took should be construed as flight cannot be ignored, though it is subject to various interpretations.
- 3) Whether or not the judge and prosecution made sufficient efforts to provide a fair trial, we ought to recognize that the emotions surrounding the trial of the Rosenbergs and the fact that Sobell's case was tried with theirs made it difficult to separate the two cases and to recognize the very different character of the two charges and the evidence introduced to support them respectively.
- 4) Sobell has already served, with good conduct, nearly eight years in prison, six of them in Alcatraz.
- 5) As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom from without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which makes that freedom so precious is its capacity to practice a discipline and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the Sobell Sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR, Vice-President and Professor of Ethics and Theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York City  
JOHN C. BENNETT, Dean and Professor of Ethics and Theology, Union Theological Seminary  
PAUL RAMSEY, Professor of Religion, Princeton University  
EDMOND CAHN, Professor of Law, New York University  
DANIEL DAY WILLIAMS, Professor of Systematic Theology, Union Theological Seminary  
JEROME NATHANSON, Administrative Leader, New York Society for Ethical Culture  
GERHARD O. W. MUELLER, Associate Professor of Law, New York University

(titles are for identification only)

# "J'Accuse...!" (I ACCUSE...!)

*A statement by Irwin Edelman, the "intruder" who in 1953 faced the resistance and sabotage of the Rosenberg defense committee in his almost successful effort to save Julius & Ethel Rosenberg from death.*

I SUBMIT a most serious charge against the leaders of the Sobell defense committee. I accuse them of deliberately holding back from the courts of law and the court of public opinion certain vital facts which seven years ago could have saved the Rosenbergs and today can force the liberation of Morton Sobell. I am well aware that this charge will shock some good people but it is high time that good people are shocked.

In November 1952 I published a pamphlet in which I displayed what—at best—was a shocking blunder committed in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial by the Rosenberg defense attorney, Emanuel H. Bloch. The pamphlet attracted the attention of a Nashville attorney, Fyke Farmer, who went in for research and uncovered additional important defense errors of which I as a layman had no conception. When he brought them to the attention of Bloch and the Committee heads, they displayed not the slightest inclination to make use of them.

The upshot was that, after making every reasonable effort to get Bloch and/or the Committee to act, Mr. Farmer, a few days before the scheduled execution, filed an appeal in my name as "next friend" of the Rosenbergs. Trial Judge Kaufman angrily denied it, calling us "intruders and interlopers." But Supreme Court Justice Douglas looked into it and ordered that world-stirring stay which almost saved their lives. The ostensible friends of the Rosenbergs and the Government were at the time extricated from a most serious predicament by the Attorney General's unprecedented call for a special session of the full Supreme Court. The Court immediately rushed back from its vacation, its majority cancelled the Douglas order, and the Rosenbergs were quickly killed.

In the opinion of Mr. Farmer (and other competent attorneys I have spoken to) the discovered errors should long have been included in the appeals to free Sobell. My efforts in 1954 to interest Helen Sobell in this, and in 1956-57 to interest the Committee and its lawyers, were fruitless. The inescapable conclusion I have been led to is that those in charge of the Committee are content with the house parties, the \$50 and \$100 a plate Dinners, and other of their fund-raising activities, and that they would be very unhappy to have Morton Sobell freed, particularly on the kind of legal grounds that would expose how the Rosenbergs could have been saved.

The trial and execution of the Rosenbergs has implanted dangerous anti-Semitic and other confusion in tens of millions of minds, confusion that could erupt with volcanic fury if a demagogue decided to play on it in a time of national or social tension. It is primarily for the purpose of clearing the confusion that I have been working for close to seven years now on a book-length report of *The Suppressed Facts in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case*—that is its tentative title. The shocking facts I present there constitute an indictment of both the avowed friends and the avowed foes of the Rosenbergs. In the real crime against the murdered, there is a complex of motivations, all of them sordid and ugly.

The overall conclusion from the facts is that the Rosenbergs were caught as in a vise between rot on the Right and rot on the Left, and crushed. Within the limits of this brochure I can in this connection only point to a highly suggestive fact—the long silence of the subsequently most vocal defenders—the incredible fact that the Daily Worker, the Jewish Morning Freiheit, the west coast People's World, the weekly National Guardian, and other reputedly crusading left-wing publications, never reported the arrest of the Rosenbergs and Sobell, never mentioned the pre-trial developments, and published not a word about the case during the entire 23-day period that the trial lasted.

Suggestive also in this connection is that the National Guardian refused a paid ad for the pamphlet in which I exposed the mismanagement of the defense and to this day has maintained a tight silence on the issues raised.

Seven years is a long time. Why is my report not published?

The answer, I am sorry to say, is that I am anything but a success in the matter of rounding up the help I need for the effective and speedy completion of the project. I have been and am working with the flimsiest resources, with no typing or other secretarial or editorial assistance whatsoever. That is why the pace of my progress has been painfully slow. What in all this time has kept me going, what stopped me from tearing up the manuscript in disgust was the fact that men of acknowledged competence and integrity, men like Lewis Mumford and the late Lion Feuchtwanger and Albert Einstein had taken the trouble to read what I had written and to tell me that they were much impressed.

In the summer of 1954 Albert Einstein, after reading an early draft, said in his letter of comment that he saw eye-to-eye with me on "the lamentable role the legal defense has played, a behavior bordering on treachery." His letter of comment on a later draft opened with:

"I have read carefully everything you have sent me. Your account of the proceedings in the Rosenberg case I find excellent, also your analysis of the political background. I believe there are few people who could fail to learn something essential. You have convinced me that—from the viewpoint of restoring sanity to our political climate—one must not let this case rest."

More recently, in March 1958, the Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, Mr. Stephen H. Fritchman, in his letter of comment wrote, "I enjoyed far more than these words will convey the [reading of the] manuscript. . . . You have done a tremendous service to the cause of human justice in preparing this material. I am appalled at the implications. . . ."

The 9-year dialogue between the Rosenberg-Sobell "friends" and their foes has produced hardly a ripple in the climate of opinion on the case. There is a third side to the Rosenberg-Sobell case which urgently needs telling. It has been and is my firm intention to do so. But to do it, effectively and to do it in time, I need help—financial, secretarial, editorial. The job I am trying to do should be everybody's business.

IRWIN EDELMAN

G.P.O. Box 463

New York 1, N. Y.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(41)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C;  
ISA, 1950  
(OO: NY)

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of captioned committee, held in the Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St., NYC, on 5/24/60. The confidential sources who furnished the information contained in the attached letterhead memorandum are:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent</u>	
[REDACTED]	5/25/60	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	5/25/60	[REDACTED]	b7c
[REDACTED]	5/25/60	[REDACTED]	b7D

The letterhead memorandum is being classified "~~Confidential~~" for the protection of the sources since their disclosure could affect the internal security of the US and destroy the effectiveness of the sources.

3-Bureau (100-387835)(Encls. 5)(RM)  
1-New York (100-107111)(41)

PHS:dmh  
(5)

1-Supervisor #41

100-107111-4033

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

New York, New York  
May 26, 1960

Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
For Morton Sobell

Characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice  
For Morton Sobell (CSJMS) is attached hereto.

Confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 25, 1960, that a public meeting of the CSJMS was held at 8:15 P.M. on May 24, 1960, at the Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street, New York City. These sources advised that this meeting was under the sponsorship of "Sponsors of Sobell Discussion Meeting at the Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street, New York 16, New York."

The above sources advised that approximately 350-400 persons attended this meeting and furnished the following agenda:

William Kunstler, Professor of Law, New York Law School, chaired the meeting and gave a history of the Rosenberg-Sobell case for approximately 20 minutes.

Dwight Macdonald reported that although Sobell might be guilty and had received a fair trial, his sentence was excessive and that since he had already served ten years in prison, he should receive executive clemency and/or pardon.

Conrad Lynn stated that the Sobell case was an example of United States injustice, and spoke on the daily violation of the rights of the Negro in the south and advised that since the era of Mc Carthyism in the United States had ended, Sobell could receive a fair trial today.

Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, stated that her husband was innocent and that this would be eventually proven.

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
For Morton Sobell

Norman Thomas made a plea for amnesty for all political prisoners, stating that the Communists were being "picked on" and saying that the sentence of Sobell was too severe.

Congressman Randall S. Harmon said that he thought that if he were an attorney, he could free Sobell and gave a lengthy explanation of his side of what he termed the "Front Porch Case" wherein he was criticized for using his front porch as his office.

Howard Radest made a plea for funds in order to purchase a full-page ad in the "New York Times" at a cost of \$5,400.00. A collection was taken up and the receipts were announced as being over \$950.00. It was stated that additional contributions should be mailed to Dr. Horace Kallen, care of the Sobell office. It was announced that the Reverend Thomas Kilgore was unable to attend because of illness.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is a loan to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387335)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION  
IS-C; ISA '50

Re SAC letter 60 - 2 which disseminated a current  
characterization of captioned organization.

The characterization of captioned organization as  
set forth in SAC letter 60 - 2 is current and correct.

2-Bureau (100-387335)  
1-New York (100-90311) (41)  
1-New York (100-107111) (41)

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LOS ANGELES

**"VOICES FOR FREEDOM"**

FOR MORTON SOBELL

**Friday, June 11, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.**

**ALEXANDRIA HOTEL, 5th and Spring, Los Angeles**

Dessert & Coffee—Contribution: \$2.00 per person  
Nationally prominent Speakers to Launch new recording  
featuring the voice of **VINCENZO VANZETTI**. Plus  
premiere of film based on recording.

Auspices: **The L. A. Sobell Committee**  
412 North Western Avenue—Los Angeles HIO. 8-4725

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 5/2/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
IS - C; ISA of 1950  
(OO:NY)

On 5/24/56, SA [REDACTED] received from a trash cover on the residence of DAVID and SARAH REIN, 5066 MacArthur Boulevard, N. W., WDC, the following announcement which is maintained in WFO 100-25474 1B 4-11: b7c

"The Washington, D. C. Sobell Committee cordially invites you to attend a Reception in honor of Dr. BRUCE A. GILDE, Minister of the Westwood Unitarian Society, Los Angeles, California, and co-initiator of the National Clergymen's Appeal on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

Monday, May 16th 8:00 p.m.  
International Student House  
1825 R Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

"Dr. GILDE is currently touring the East and will give a first-hand report of the exciting events taking place on the West Coast including the action taken by the recent California State Democratic Convention on the Sobell Case.

ARMEL WEICHERS  
For the Committee

[REDACTED] (protect identity) identified DAVID REIN on 5/25/51, as a concealed communist in 1944. b7D

[REDACTED] (continue to protect identity) on 1/21/54, identified SARAH REIN as a current CP member. [REDACTED] was furnished reliable information in the past

- 2 - New York (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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[REDACTED] on 2/23/55, advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that ETHEL WELCHEROD  
[REDACTED] was a current CP member.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is a characterization of  
the Washington Sobell Committee. The source used in this  
characterization is [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past. b7D

For information.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 5/24/60

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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past and whose  
identity should  
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[REDACTED] b1

ACTION:

The name of [REDACTED] is being indexed to this memo. b7E

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.



LA 100-41648

Informant was thoroughly interviewed regarding the above and he stated he had no further information.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on May 4, 1960, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California affiliate of captioned organization.

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SOURCE:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 6/3/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

On 5/13/60, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made available a number of items  
discarded from the apartment jointly occupied by [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED]

Among these items were " A Report to DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Submitted by The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell for the period of January 1, 1959, to January 1, 1960." This report has been filed in 100-107111-1B1055.

1 - New York (100-107111)

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June 7, 1960

  
Dear 

Your letter dated May 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am, therefore, unable to furnish you a personal or official opinion concerning the status of the organization you mentioned or its publication.

I would like to point out, however, that the Committee on Un-American Activities is a duly-constituted committee of the United States House of Representatives. The publications of this Committee mentioned in your letter were prepared and released after extensive hearings held by this Committee.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- 1 - Kansas City (enclosure)
- 1 - New York (enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO SACs, PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED]  
ATTENTION: SACs, KANSAS CITY AND NEW YORK

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

As the correspondent has indicated in his letter, the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (NCSJMS) has been cited in the House Committee on Un-American Activities publication "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" as a communist front organization. In addition, it is also the subject of a security investigation in which New York is office of origin, New York file 100-107111.

The American Friends Service Committee is a pacifist group which has opposed military conflict, preparedness and drafting of men since its inception in 1917. It was the subject of investigation in 1942; however, it was found not to be engaged in subversive activities.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
May 29, 1960

b7D

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the 12th Annual Topeka Institute of International Relations, held with the cooperation of the American Friends Service Committee, many items of free literature were available to those in attendance. One of the items was a tabloid-style paper called "Today's Verdict", published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. After reading this paper, issue of July 1959, I began to think that somewhere I had seen reference to this organization as a Communist-front or Communist-dominated group. Likewise, some of the names appearing as supporters of the Cause seemed to ring a bell in my head.

Sure enough, I found this organization listed in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications of the House Committee on Un-American Activities as well as some of the sister groups, i.e. the Chicago Sobell Committee. Also, the Committee report "Trial by Treason" (House Document No. 206) has quite extensive coverage of these organizations and individuals, as you probably know.

Since this could be a possible cause for a great deal of embarrassment to the local Institute committee, if well-meaning citizens send in their money to this organization and later find it to be rather left-wing in nature, we are trying to get the straight facts together.

I would like to have your personal opinion, based on the information you have, as to whether or not this National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is, in fact, Communist-dominated or a Communist-front group. Anything you could say with regard to this particular publication would, also, be greatly appreciated.

These papers were distributed by the Peace Director of the Friends Service Committee. I asked him if the Friends Service Committee supported this organization and he told me that it did not, but he personally did.

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TRUE COPY

When I pointed out that the organization was the subject of a House Committee investigation, he remarked that he had little use for the Committee.

Thank you so much, sir, for any information that you can provide in this matter. There is a rumor around town that newspaper reporters are working on this, also, and I would like to prepare a report for the Institute group before this breaks in the press.

Sincerely,

/s/

A large, dark, rectangular redacted area covering the signature.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

DATE: 6/9/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

On May 11, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to SA [REDACTED] a handwritten report containing the results of [REDACTED] the bank accounts of Chicago Sobell Committee, Chicago Families of Smith Act Victims, Proletarian Party of America, Socialist Workers Party and Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born for the month of April, 1960. These accounts are maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. b7E b7C b7D

The report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

At the present time correspondence is being conducted with the Bureau regarding the proper manner of setting forth this information in reports. Pending clarification, the "subpoena duces tecum" statement should not be used in reporting information pertaining to the payees of checks passing through this account.

The report, as it relates to the above organizations, is set forth as follows:

- 2 - New York (RM)  
1 - 100- (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)  
1 - 100- (NATIONAL GUARDIAN)  
1 - Washington Field (RM) [REDACTED]  
1 - Detroit (RM) (100- ) (COMMITTEE FOR GUS POLITES)  
11 - Chicago [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-3289 (CPSAU)  
1 - 100-1533 (PPA)  
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Chicago Sobell Comm.  
April - 1960

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
12	\$200.00		\$1037.62
13	172.15	\$34.00	\$ 871.62
28	10.42		699.47
			689.05

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$200.00	Cash	us
172.15	Comm. Secure Justice M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
10.42	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chgo

Chicago Families Smith Act Victims  
April-1960

Opening Balance \$561.27  
Closing Balance 411.27

<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
\$150.00	0

Proletarian Party of America  
April-1960

Opening Balance \$347.37  
Closing Balance 273.12

<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
\$ 80.00	\$175.00
168.00	
1.25	

Socialist Workers  
April-1960

Opening Balance \$162.77  
Closing Balance 54.81

<u>Checks</u>		<u>Deposits</u>
\$ 25.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 57.25
102.10	7.00	130.00
30.00	125.00	145.00

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Checks

\$ 3.00	\$2.00
100.00	1.25
15.00	10.51
20.00	1.95
4.75	20.00
2.75	5.00
<u>11.90</u>	
	<u>\$60.21</u>

Deposits

\$ 60.00  
\$392.25

Midwest Comm for Protection Foreign Born  
April-1960

Opening Balance \$1280.02  
Closing Balance 1339.70

Deposits

\$40.00  
106.00  
564.01  
\$710.01

Checks

\$ 50.00	Praga Press	Kaspar American Bank - Chicago Ill
16.08	Illinois Bell	1st Natl Bank - Chicago
10.00	M. SHUSMAN	us
25.00	WILBUR C. BACON	So Shore Natl - Chicago
28.00	Postmaster	1st National - Chicago
10.00	M. SHUSMAN	us
2.40	National Guardian	Analgamated Bank - New York
64.85	DICK CRILEY	Michigan Ave Natl - Chgo
16.00	PERRY CARTWRIGHT	University Natl - Chgo
217.00	DICK CRILEY (2nd End. Lightfoot Defense Comm.	Exchange Natl - Chgo
78.50	Bell & Hefter	Michigan Ave. Natl - Chgo
10.00	Cash	us
10.00	M. SHUSMAN	us
67.50	I. V. STONE	American Bank-Tr Co.-Washington D.C.
25.00	Committee for GUS POLITES	Natl Bank of Detroit Det. Mich.



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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: The Committee to Secure Justice  
for MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
ISA of 1950

On page 11, column 1, of the June 13, 1960, "National Guardian" is a column of future events entitled "Calendar". In the column under the sub-heading "St. Paul" is an advertisement "Hear HELEN SOBELL, Thursday, June 16, 8:00 p.m., Unity Unitarian Church, 732 Holly Avenue, St. Paul. Chairman Reverend RUSSELL WIGFIELD. Auspices: Minnesota SOBELL Committee."

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Reporting Office <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>6/14/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>5/24 - 6/14/60</b>
Title of Case  <b>"CHANGED" COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	Type of <b>jen</b>
		Character of Case  <b>IS-C; ISA of 1950</b>	

The title is being marked "changed" to reflect the true and correct name of the national organization as "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" and the title of "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" is being deleted.

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 6/12/59 **b7c**  
at St. Louis.

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## INFORMANTS

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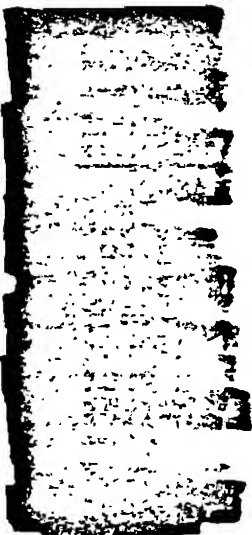
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SL 100-11726

The following confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past and are familiar with certain aspects of Communist Party and Communist Party front activities in the St. Louis area were contacted on the dates indicated by the designated agent concerning any knowledge they had of any meetings or activities sponsored by the SLCSJMS during the past year with negative results:

<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE CONTACTED</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized only where identities must be concealed.

This report has been classified confidential because data reported by SL T-1 could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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Copy to: 1 - AC of S, G-2, Chicago      1 - ONI, Chicago  
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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: ST. LOUIS

Date: June 14, 1960

File Number: SL 100-11726, Bureau file 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

## Synopsis:

SL T-1 advised on 6/10/60 that the SLCSJMS has not held a formal meeting since 3/19/59; there are no plans for any future meetings and that for all intents and purpose the SLCSJMS has ceased to exist. Confidential informants familiar with certain aspects of CP and CP front activities in the St. Louis area advised that they had no knowledge of any meetings sponsored by the SLCSJMS since 3/19/59.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURIA. CHARACTERIZATION

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This informant advised on June 10, 1960, that the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (SLCSJMS) is the St. Louis affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

B. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

SL T-1

This informant advised on June 10, 1960, that the SLCSJMS has not held a formal meeting since March 19, 1959, and there has been no announcement or plans made

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE *FS/mr 6-17-60*

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for any future meetings. This informant stated that for all intents and purpose the SLCSJMS has ceased to exist.

Confidential informants familiar with certain aspects of Communist Party and Communist Party front activities in the St. Louis area advised during May and June, 1960, they had no knowledge of any meetings or activities sponsored by the SLCSJMS during the past year or of any activities to be sponsored by the SLCSJMS for the future.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] dated June 14, 1960 at St. Louis.

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CLARENCE PICKETT  
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"Thursday, May 12, 1960

"On Thursday noon, May 12, 1960, a Luncheon Forum was held at the Central Branch of the Y.M.C.A. at 1421 Arch Street, Phila., Pa.

"The speaker today was CLARENCE PICKETT. The title of his speech was 'Winning An International War.'

"Two men were sitting at head table with Mr. PICKETT. One man was DAVID B. POTTS. The chairman was a younger man. Mr. PICKETT referred to a Mr. PRICE in his speech. That may have been the chairman.

"Mr. PICKETT glossed over many subjects. The most important thing to him is the fact that he is for

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Y.M.C.A. LUNCHEON FORUM

"peace. He did mention that he worked with Quaker Relief in Russia. He is expecting some Russian girls or ladies to visit him shortly. He said that he was called a 'commie-lover.' He didn't seemed phased by this. u

"He dwelt for a while on Russia from 1930 until 1933 when the Soviet Union was recognized by the United States. u

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"Dr. PASHKIS is a bald man in his 60 or 70's. He is rather thin. u

"The National Guardian of May 16, 1960 page 22 has an article 'Panel to Discuss the Sobell Case.' This article refers to Prof. VICTOR PASCHIS as one of the sponsors of this meeting which will take place in New York on May 24, 1960. Is this the same Dr. PASCHIS who was in Phila. today? u

"The luncheons are attended by big brass from the business and professional world. For a person who can spare the time it is worth the try. They serve a sandwich, pie and coffee. Topics are varied. Speakers are different. They are open to suggestions as far as speakers and topics. u

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Agent's Comments:

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DAVID B. POTTS is on the (Philadelphia) Central YMCA Staff and on the Forum Planning Committee.

Mr. PRICE is probably Dr. CHARLES C. PRICE, Professor of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, who is President of the United World Federalists.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 6/16/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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[REDACTED] made available a throwaway announcing a Sobell Committee meeting for 5/24/60 at the Community Church, 40 East 35th St., NYC.

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The list of individuals mentioned on the throwaway has previously been disseminated and is not being done in this instance.

The throwaway is located in NY 100-107111-1B1069.

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TO : SAC (100-31723)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION;  
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DATE: 6/16/60

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On 5/12/60, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written statement to SA [REDACTED]. This statement is maintained in [REDACTED].

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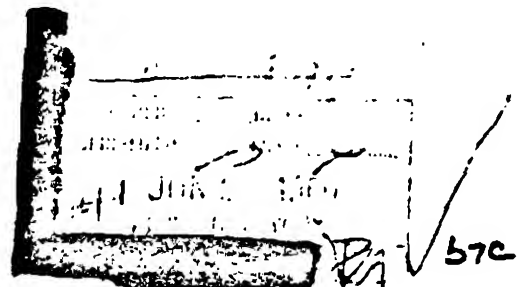
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"May 4, 1960

"On May 1, 1960, at 2:30 p.m., a May Day celebration was held in the South Gold Room of the Broadwood Hotel, Phila., Penna.

"There were at least 200 people present which included some small children. [REDACTED]

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"JIM DOLSEN acted as master of ceremonies. He introduced the Youth Choir, which sang a number of selections. This group consisted of 15 people plus the directoress, SYLVIA.

"A women who was billed on the program as SUE CARR but who appears to be BETH LEIB spoke and gave a report on the Phila. picket lines and her trip to Cuba and through the south for the Socialist Youth Congress meeting in Cuba. She said among other things that the Cuban people sent greetings to the American people but not to the American government.

"JOLLY ROBINSON was then introduced by JIM DOLSEN and sang some folk songs and played the guitar.

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"BILL ROBINSON then gave a dramatic reading of a Langston Hughes poem dealing with the plight of the Negro in America.

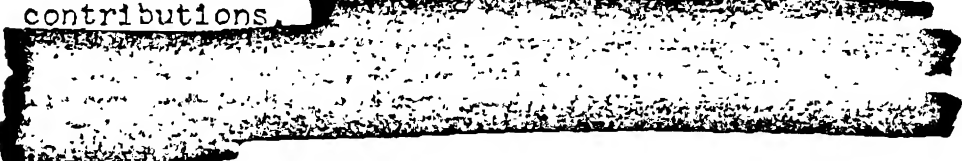
"The main speaker JAMES JACKSON, spoke of the new era opening for socialism. He painted the picture in glarring terms.

"He also discussed the struggle for civil rights for the Negro which was developing in the South. He mentioned a long discussion he had with a Negro policeman in Richmond, Virginia, on the lunch counter demonstrations.

"He said the Negro policeman's attitude was that the struggle would be won. There was a break for a question period when he finished.

"In answer to a question from the floor in regard to his views on the Government of South Africa, JAMES JACKSON said nothing less than the physical overthrow of the South African Government would change the situation there.

"JIM DOLSEN announced that a collection would be taken up for the Worker. Members of the Youth circulated through the audience with baskets (not capable of holding coins but only bills). During the collection JIM D. exhorted the faithful for contributions.



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"A number of resolutions were read and approved. They were:

"Appeal for clemency for MORTON SOBELL and reduction of sentence, read by JEAN FRANTJIS.



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"Appeal for clemency for HENRY WINSTON, read by BILL CRAWFORD.

"Resolution on Civil Rights read by SUE CARR (BETH) and one on South Africa read by FRANCES GABO. The program then closed at about 5:00 p.m.

"Addenda:

May 4, 1960

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This informant has previously identified photographs of AARON LIBSON, NORMA LIBSON and EARL KEIHL, SUE CAR is the name BETH LEIB used to conceal her true identity according to information from PH 548-S\*.

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>JUN 16 1960</b>	Investigative Period <b>5/2 - 20/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		Report of [REDACTED] <b>b7C</b>	Typed By: <b>jmh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>IS - C; ISA OF 1950</b>	

**Synopsis:**

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/25/60 at Boston

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INFORMANTS

Identity

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BS T-1 is

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The sources mentioned in the appendix are identified as:

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Arrangements have been made with [REDACTED] First National Bank of Boston, for the Boston Office to be notified immediately if any efforts are made by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL or any of its official representatives to bank at this institution.

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Arrangements have also been made with [REDACTED] Massachusetts State Police, for the notification of this office if any information pertaining to the captioned organization comes to his attention.

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[REDACTED] also advised that he would notify this office if he receives any information concerning the captioned organization becoming active in the Boston area.

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Dissemination has been accomplished on the local level to OSI, DIO and G-2 because of their interest in this matter. Also furnished are copies of an evaluation memorandum.

This report is classified "Confidential" because of information furnished by BS T-1, BS T-2, BS T-3, BS T-4, BS T-5 and the sources mentioned in the appendix, which if revealed could reasonably result in their identification and compromise their future effectiveness. 42

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Copy to: OSI, Westover AFB, Mass.  
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Report of: [REDACTED] Office: Boston, Massachusetts  
Date: [REDACTED]

Field Office File #: Boston 100-27290 Bureau File #: 100 387355

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: Informants advised that Mrs. MORTON SOBELL spoke at  
Community Church Center, Boston, Mass., on 1/15/60.

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Details:

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MORTON SOBELL was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on March 29, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage. On April 5, 1951, MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of thirty years.

ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to commit espionage and were sentenced to death by the trial Judge, IRVING R. KAUFMAN on April 5, 1951. The ROSENBERGS were executed on June 19, 1953 at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

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It was announced that a meeting was to be held at the Community Church Center, 555 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at which Mrs. MORTON SOBELL was to speak on January 15, 1960. b7D

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

BS T-3 advised on January 17, 1960, that at a meeting at the Community Church Center, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 15, 1960, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL spoke on the injustice being done to her husband. She stated that the government offered her husband an opportunity to be a witness against the ROSENBERGS and when he refused, he was arrested. She said that the ROSENBERGS were not guilty and that Russia did not need the information about the atomic bomb as Russia was far ahead of the United States.

BS T-4 advised on January 22, 1960, that on January 15, 1960, there was a meeting held at the Community Church Center, Boston, Massachusetts, at which Mrs. HELEN SOBELL spoke. Fewer than fifty people were in attendance.

When HELEN SOBELL spoke, she stated that there wasn't one thread of evidence to uphold the charges against MORTON SOBELL. The only link between the ROSENBERGS and her husband was that possibly they had spoken to each other on five occasions.

The "Quincy Patriot Ledger," a daily newspaper published in Quincy, Massachusetts, in its issue of January 28, 1960, on page 7, carried an article which indicated that Mrs. BENJAMIN LARSEN, 26 Norfolk Place, Sharon, Massachusetts, and Mrs. CARL CARLSON, 23 Park Avenue, Scituate, Massachusetts, had been named by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL to serve on the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, a documentation of which appears in the appendix attached hereto. It was also indicated that these two individuals were already collecting names of clergymen in the area who will speak in the future in support of SOBELL's release.

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BS T-5 [REDACTED] identified BEN LANDEY as a [REDACTED] Communist Party member" b7D  
as of March, 1957.

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[REDACTED] identified JEANNE LANDEY in late 1949 as a Communist Party member as of that time. b2D

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised on August 31, 1955, and again on March 11, 1956, [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. CARL CARLSON as members of the Communist Party at the time. b7D

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~APPENDIXCOMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 11, 1953 that the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case had its inception in June, 1952.

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on February 8, 1954 that during the fall of 1953 the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case changed its name to the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. This same source stated on March 5, 1954 that the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was last active in the Greater Boston, Massachusetts area in July, 1953.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1958 that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was activated during the first part of 1958 in Boston.

b7D [REDACTED] stated that the aims and purposes of the above-captioned committee were to gain the release from Alcatraz of MORTON SOBELL, to gain his freedom and cancellation of the remaining years of his sentence and to protest the conviction and confinement of MORTON SOBELL.

b7D [REDACTED] stated on March 11, 1953 that the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case had been dominated and controlled by the Communist Party since the inception of this committee in June, 1952.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

b7D [REDACTED] stated on February 8, 1954 that the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee had the same group of hard-core Communist Party members that were previously active in the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case.

b7D [REDACTED] indicated in February, 1958 that the Communist Party had ignored MORTON SOBELL and referred to his appeal as "too hot for them to handle" lest their public support of his case cause embarrassment to the Communist Party.

b7D [REDACTED] advised in January, 1959 and again in January, 1960 that the last meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell took place in Sharon, Massachusetts on July 12, 1958.





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Boston, Massachusetts

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Boston, Massachusetts.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26018)

DATE: 6/17/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LOUIS WEINSTOCK  
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"The Worker," issue of 6/19/60, announced the following events:

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LOUIS WEINSTOCK will speak on "The World In Crisis," at the Bensonhurst Fraternal Center, 2018 - 86th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., on Friday, June 24 at 8:30 p.m.  
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An Upper East Side Forum with color film and personal report on Cuban Youth Congress will be held Tuesday, June 21, at 8:15 p.m., at the Estonian Hall, 2061 Lexington Ave.

The annual pilgrimage to the graves of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG will take place on Sunday, June 19. Cars are available for those who want to go. Services will be held at Wellwood Cemetery in Pinelawn, N.Y., at 1:30 p.m. For information call TR 8-6471, in the evenings.

Gala Dance Saturday June 18 at 8:30 p.m., at "the center with atmosphere," 863 E. 180th St. near Southern Blvd., Bronx, N.Y.  
Auspices: Bronx Advance

The regular conference of "Worker" readers will be held on Monday, June 27, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., Manhattan, Room 11B, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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MORNING FREIHEIT  
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The following report appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of May 27, 1960, on page 2, columns 1-2-3:

Prominent Personalities, At Meeting In New York,  
Call For Morton Sobell's Liberation  
Report by R. YOUNKELSON

Under the chairmanship of Professor of Law William Kunstler, of New York Law School, on Tuesday evening, May 24th, in the Community Church, in New York, there was a mass meeting of about 500 people, in conjunction with the fight to free Morton Sobell.

April 1, 1951, Morton Sobell was sentenced to a 30 year jail term on the charge of engaging in espionage for the Soviet Union.

Those who addressed the meeting, without exception, emphasized that even if Sobell did commit the crime with which he was charged, - and of which he has maintained all along that he is innocent - the punishment is gruesome and that there was no just ground for sentencing him for 30 years. Some of the speakers also said that since Sobell was convicted on the testimony of just one person, Max Elitcher, and having examined the course of the trial which took place at the height of the McCarthy witch-hunting, they are inclined toward believing that Sobell is innocent.

But, in any event, Sobell has already served almost ten years in Federal jails, six of them in gruesome Alcatraz Penitentiary, and should be freed.

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Among those who spoke at the meeting were: Norman Thomas, famous Socialist leader; Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell; Conrad Lynn, lawyer for the Civil Liberties Union; Dwight McDonald, of the staff of the magazine "New Yorker"; Minister Thomas Kilgore and Congressman Randall S. Harrison, of Indiana.

Telegrams were read from Congressman Meyers, of Vermont, from Rodger Baldwin, of the Civil Liberties Union, and from other prominent personalities who voiced their solidarity with the movement to free Sobell.

The assembled contributed close to \$1,000.00 in response to an appeal for a fund to publish the facts and to appeal for fund to help the movement to free Sobell.

The above was translated from the Yiddish by [REDACTED]  
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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On June 7, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the writer a handwritten report containing the results of [REDACTED] the bank accounts of the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC), Chicago Families of Smith Act Victims (CFSAV), Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB), Proletarian Party of America (PPA), and Socialist Workers Party (SWP). b7E b7D

The report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

It should be noted that the information furnished by this informant is no longer in his possession.

The report, as it relates to the captioned organizations, is set forth as follows:

Chicago Sobell Committee  
May, 1960

Date	Checks	Deposits	Balance
			\$689.03
2		\$ 254.50	943.53
6	\$51.00		892.53
9	78.00		814.53
12	34.80		779.73
16	200.00 \$ 7.50		572.23
17		25.00	597.23
19	122.50		474.73

① - New York (RM) (100-

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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- 1 - 100-3289 (CFSAV)
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Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
\$ 51.00	General Services Administration	Federal Reserve - Chicago
78.00	Cash	Us
34.80	Abco Office Equipment Co.	Central National - Chicago
200.00	Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
7.50	"	"
122.50	Art Mimeo Letter Service	Madison Bank and Trust - Chicago

Chicago Families Suffered  
May, 1960

Checks

\$200.00  
23.18  
80.00  
\$303.18

Deposits

Opening Balance \$411.27  
Closing Balance \$2064.44

\$120.00  
417.85  
323.00  
114.25  
218.00  
121.15  
168.00  
88.00  
68.10  
168.00  
85.00  
69.00  
\$1956.35

Midwest Committee for Protection  
of Foreign Born

Opening Balance \$1339.70  
Closing Balance \$1073.35

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Checks

\$ 185.00  
10.77  
78.50  
20.00  
20.00  
12.57  
4.50  
30.00

\$ 10.00  
40.00  
11.48  
1.50  
10.00  
46.53  
\$ 480.85

Deposits

\$ 36.00  
57.50  
121.00  
\$214.50

Proletarian Party of America  
May, 1960

Opening Balance \$273.12  
Closing Balance \$273.77

Checks

\$ 80.00  
85.10  
1.25  
\$166.35

Deposits

\$ 167.00

Socialist Workers Party  
May, 1960

Opening Balance \$ 54.81  
Closing Balance \$179.93

Checks

\$150.00  
10.00  
6.75  
1.00  
2.00  
20.00  
\$381.00

\$ 5.00  
5.50  
1.25  
175.00  
4.50

Deposits

\$194.04  
65.00  
130.00  
117.03  
\$506.12

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**HOWARD E. ABLE**  
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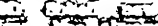
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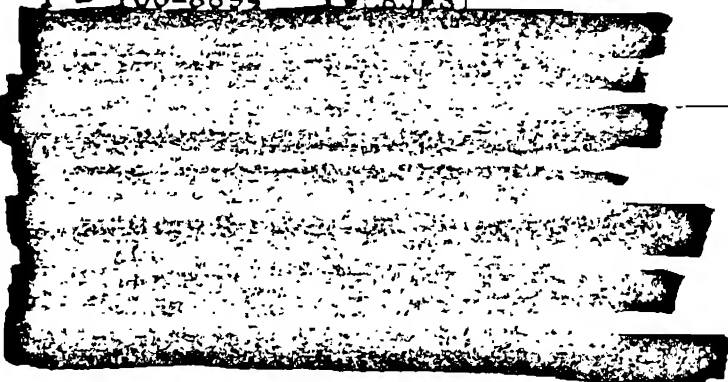
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Saturday - May 28, 1960.

Subject: The Gus Hall address (The Summit and what now?) in the Brunsvick Room, Andrew Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 8PM and got started at 815PM.

SAM DAVIS introduced GUS HALL. DAVIS described GUS HALL as a great fighter for Communism, who 26 years ago took part in the great Minneapolis strikes, who was sent to prison for Communist beliefs, but who in spite of it has remained loyal to the party and now the party is moving forward under his wise leadership and courage.

The failure of the Summit is the result of EISENHOWER's double dealing said HALL. EISENHOWER talked peace but got caught preparing for war. HALL said EISENHOWER was like JOSHUA who sent in spies to search out the land. That is what the the U-2 spie plane was doing. It was searching out the Soviet Union, but the Soviet Union is too strong, it will never be overcome by the Capitalist West. We must demand that the United States government stop breaking International law. It is the United States government that is driving the world to war and when this war comes it will be the end of the human race. We must do everything to stop this mad rush to end the human race in fire. The United States has no right to fly over sovereign nations like the Soviet Union, Turkey, Pakistan and Norway. with a military plane. How is the Soviet Union to know if some of these planes carry an atomic bomb. The United States has demonstrated that it has no respect for other people. It not only dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan, but it has made practice test in the Pacific and with these test brought life long injury to Japanese by the heavy radiation from the bombs and even killing some people. Others it has moved just to prepare the testing grounds. But some good will come from EISENHOWER's war plans said HALL. In San Francisco and New York, thousands have marched to demand peace and an end to nuclear testing. These marches indicate that the people are waking up and when that happens our party will move forward.

HALL said in answer to questions that not once did the American government mention the ROSENBERGS. They are trying to tell the world that Russia has spies here in America, but they don't mention the ROSENBERGS. This proves that they were innocent, both EISENHOWER and TRUMAN could have saved them. EISENHOWER had a direct telephone line to the prison warden and could have saved them.

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A question was also asked what candidate the Communist party would now support that HUMPHERY was out of the race. HALL replied that the party would support the most liberal candidate, one who would support the peace program of the party and ban the bombs and so on forth. STEVENSON appeared to be the most promising candidate to do this said HALL.

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The meeting broke up at about 11PM.

About 45 people attended the meeting [REDACTED] b7D  
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On 5/4/60 [REDACTED] which has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA [REDACTED] through the mail a letter issued under the letterhead of the Chicago Sobell Committee dated 4/60. This letter is retained in Chicago file number 100-25530-1B2(409). b7c b7D

The contents of the letter are set out below:

① - New York (RM) (100- ) (Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL)

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"Dear Friend:

"In our last letter we gloved about our successful Valentine Party and about the resolution, passed unanimously by the California Democratic Council in convention, urging President Eisenhower to review the Sobell case. This was a milestone in the efforts for Sobell and it is our hopes that it will become a trend. We also promised to report on the national work conference of all the Sobell committees.

"Representatives from Chicago and ten other cities from both coasts and the midwest met in New York March 19 and 20. Every aspect of our work was discussed and evaluated. Attorney Marshall Perlin, representing the attorneys in the case reported that very shortly they will enter the courts with a request for a new trial and a challenge of the legality of the 30 year sentence based on important points of law. He also referred to investigatory work under way, in the hope of obtaining the basis for court motions in addition to those already in preparation.

"Great encouragement was expressed at the results of the clergy appeals through-out the country. The Chicago clergy appeal, as initiated by Rev. Alva Tompkins was recognized as the most successful to date. Appointments in Washington are now being planned by Rev. Tompkins to present the appeals of 225 Chicago clergy. This will be the first presentation. Appeals from the rest of the country will be presented later.

"One of the most exciting reports was of the work in Washington and of the sharp gains of support and concern in the Senate and House and on the Washington scene generally. Many specific suggestions for increasing the concern were discussed and adopted. Still one of the most effective means is writing and visiting our individual representatives. We shall increase our efforts to encourage more and more people to do so.



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"Among the other fields of activity discussed were: Press, TV, and Radio; Political Organizations; Work among Community Leaders and Groups; The Sobell Case Abroad; the possibility of a documentary film; and of course the inevitable subject; Finances. A minimum budget of \$50,815.00 was adopted and Chicago accepted its quota of \$2,000.00. We are happy to report that to date we have fulfilled 35% of our quota.

"In Chicago we are completing preparations for a mailing to our complete mailing list of THE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT. We expect that it will be in the mail within ten days.

"This monthly report and contribution envelope is coming to you later than usual. We are sorry that it had to be and hope it will not inconvenience you too much.

"Sincerely,

/s/ David L. Soltker

"David L. Soltker  
For the Committee"

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	67C TYPED BY <b>bss</b>
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New Haven, 4/8/60.

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At New Haven, Connecticut

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DETAILS:

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

This report contains information concerning the activities in Connecticut of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the activities of individuals residing in Connecticut on behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Sobell Committee will be referred to in this report by the initials CSJMS and SC.

The CSJMS and the National Guardian Readers Club (NGRC) are characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

I. GENERAL ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTICUT

A. Finances

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B. Distribution of CSJMS Literature in Connecticut

On March 10, 1960, NH T-2 advised that DAN MORGAN, 227 Franklin Road, Hamden, Connecticut, was in receipt of a letter dated November 6, 1959, from the CSJMS enclosing the sample copy of a letter addressed to the President of the United States asking for freedom for MORTON SOBELL. In this letter MORGAN was requested by the CSJMS to order a number of the sample letters for distribution.

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E. Sobell Discussion Meetings 4/27/60 at  
New Haven, Connecticut

The April 22, 1960, edition of the "New Haven Evening Register", a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, contains an article reflecting that the case of MORTON SOBELL, identified in the article as having been convicted in 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage and sentenced to 30 years in prison, would be discussed at a public meeting to be held April 27, 1960, at the Center Church Parish House, 311 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut. According to this article, the meeting would be attended by Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, of the Oliver Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois, who, according to the article, had collected 200 signatures from clergymen in the Chicago, Illinois, area, on behalf of SOBELL. This article further stated that interest in the case had been shown by the following individuals:

Reverend ROLAND H. BAINTON, Professor of  
Ecclesiastical History, Yale University Divinity  
School, New Haven, Connecticut;

Reverend DAVID N. BEACH, Center Church, New  
Haven, Connecticut;

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THOMAS I. EMERSON, Professor of Law, Yale  
University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut;

ERWIN GOODENOUGH, Professor of History Religion,  
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut;

Rabbi ROBERT E. GOLDBURG, Mishkan Israel Temple,  
New Haven, Connecticut;

HARRY R. RUDIN, Professor of History, Yale University,  
New Haven, Connecticut;

Reverend C. LAWSON WILLARD, Jr., Trinity Church,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate April 27, 1960

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that on April 21, 1960, he was contacted by an individual, name unknown, whom he described as a white male, age 26 to 28, 5'10" tall, stocky build, sandy curly hair, dark rimmed glasses, who furnished him with an announcement of a meeting to be held at 5:00 P.M., 311 Temple Street, New Haven, on April 27, 1960, concerning the Morton Sobell case.

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[REDACTED] further advised that this individual left with him an announcement of the above meeting, a pamphlet issued by the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, the first page of which pamphlet is a copy of a letter directed to President EISENHOWER, dated January 5, 1960, and a three-page mimeographed summary of developments in the Morton Sobell case dated January - March, 1960. [REDACTED] advised that on April 21, 1960, he turned over the above three items to IC [REDACTED] of the New Haven Office of the FBI.

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Interview with [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 4/29/60

██████████ furnished the following information concerning his knowledge of a meeting to be held at 5:00 PM, April 27, 1960, at the Center Church House, 311 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut, concerning the SOBELL case.

Informant advised he considered KULBERG to be anti-Communist.

to the informant, KULBERG was working for the Committee to Secure Justice for ALGER HISS and SOBEL.

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on 4/22/60 at New Haven, Connecticut Date dictated 4/27/60

**by Special Agent**

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] according to the informant, KULBERG continued to reside at this Washington, D.C. residence.

[REDACTED] KULBERG's parents reside at 120 Hoyt Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The informant furnished

[REDACTED] a mimeographed announcement relating to the meeting to be held at 5:00 PM on April 27, 1960, at 311 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut, which announcement is entitled "The SOFELL Case - Moral Question and Legal Problem".

[REDACTED]

Informant advised that KULBERG is a Quaker, is "alert to the Communist issue", and is careful not to affiliate with Communists. u

The Informant described KULBERG as follows:

Name:	RAOUL KULBERG
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29 years old

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Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	175 - 180 pounds
Complexion:	Fair
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Sandy
Characteristics:	Wears dark rimmed glasses

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 5/3/60

[REDACTED] advised that on April 27, 1960, he received a telephone call from one RAOUL KULBERG, who informed him that he was a representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, out of New York City.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] public meeting to be held at 5:00 PM, April 27, 1960, at 311 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut, at which Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Chicago, Illinois, would speak concerning the SOBELL case.

[REDACTED] that another meeting concerning the SOBELL case was being held by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, at 7:00 PM on April 27, 1960, at the Yale University Law School for the faculty members and students of Yale University.

[REDACTED] b7D

Interview with [REDACTED] b7D File # NH 100-14203on 4/27/60 at New Haven, Connecticut Date dictated 5/2/60

by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
would be another meeting concerning the SOBELL case that evening  
at the Yale University Law School for students at Yale  
University. u

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Informant turned over the following items [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Pamphlet issued by the Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell, first page of which is a letter  
addressed to President EISENHOWER, dated January 5,  
1960.  
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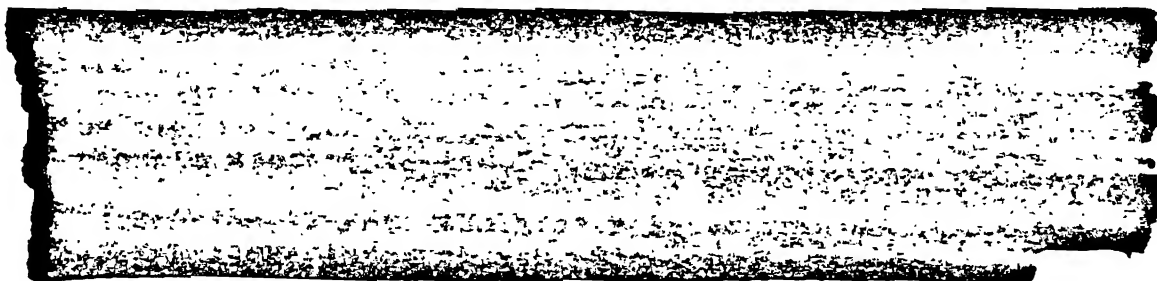
"Appeal to the President on Behalf of MORTON SOBELL",  
which contains the names of clergymen who have signed  
this appeal. u

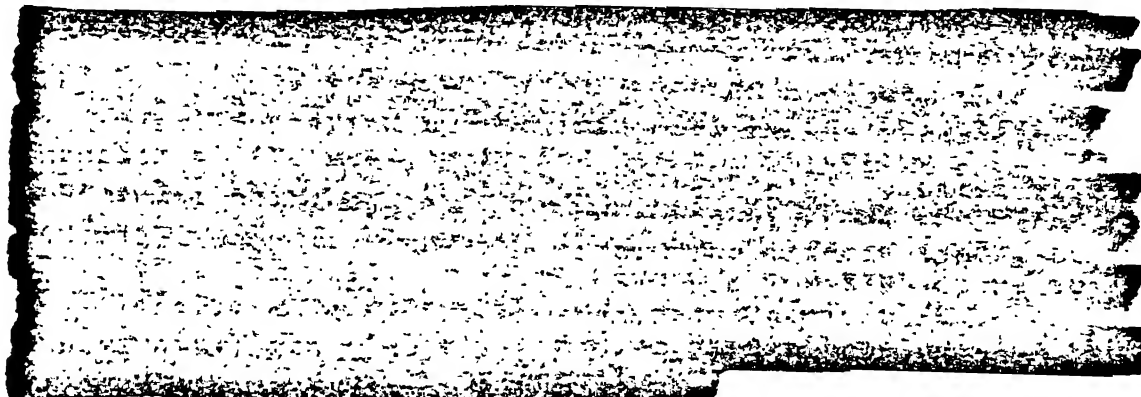
Mimeographed summary of developments in the MORTON  
SOBELL case dated January-March, 1960. u

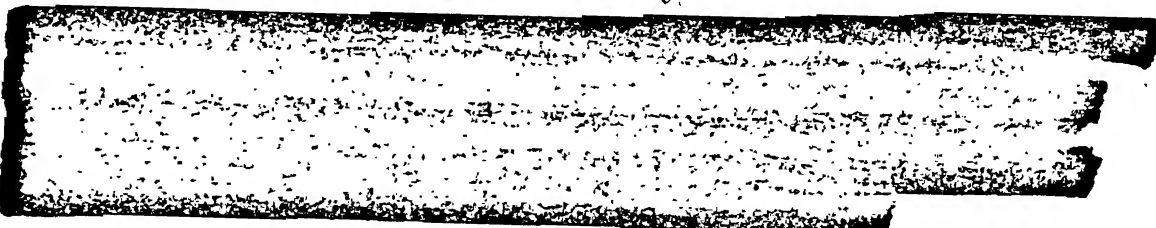
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate May 12, 1960

 furnished the following information concerning a visit to New Haven, Connecticut by RAOUL KULBERG in connection with a meeting held at New Haven on April 27, 1960 relating to the MORTON SOBELL case. *b7D*

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Interview with  *b7D* File # WH 100-14203

on 5/5/60 at New Haven, Connecticut Date dictated 5/10/60

by Special Agent  *b7C*

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According to the informant, KULBERG [REDACTED] had been working for [REDACTED] Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell [REDACTED] and that he had arranged for a meeting to be held at Yale University on the evening of April 27, 1960 for the undergraduate students which meeting related to the MORTON SOBELL case. U

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The informant furnished the following items [REDACTED]

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Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell pamphlet, first page of which is a letter to President EISENHOWER dated January 5, 1960;

Form addressed to Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York, New York, indicating sender's interest in MORTON SOBELL case and desire to work on SOBELL case;

Typewritten summary of developments in MORTON SOBELL case dated January - March, 1960;

Undated printed form letter prepared by Rev. PETER MC CORMICK, former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz, San Francisco, California, relating to MORTON SOBELL;

Reprint of article entitled "The Case of Morton Sobell" from the April, 1959 edition of "The Intercollegiate", published by the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA;

Leaflet announcing meeting to be held at 7 PM on April 27, 1960 at Yale University Law School concerning the MORTON SOBELL case, co-sponsored by Dwight Hall, Hillel and John Dewey Societies. U

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The April 28, 1960, edition of the "Yale Daily News", a student newspaper published daily at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, contains an article on Page 3 reflecting that Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS spoke on the evening of April 27, 1961, at the Yale University Law School in behalf of the CSJMS. According to this article, Reverend TOMPKINS claimed that SOBELL was unjustly convicted as a result of his conviction with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, who were convicted and executed for divulging atomic secrets to the USSR; that he was convicted on the testimony of a "congenital liar"; that SOBELL had been in jail long enough; and he also criticized the U. S. Penal System, branding it "completely ineffective". u

F. Miscellaneous Activities

[REDACTED] advised that a meeting was held [REDACTED] The organization sponsoring this meeting was not announced, according to the informant, and the principal speaker was HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, who was introduced by TED JACOBS, of the CSJMS. HELEN SOBELL, according to the informant, spoke concerning her traveling throughout the United States in an effort to gain a retrial for her husband. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that a meeting was held on [REDACTED] At which the [REDACTED] speaker was Reverend HAVEN PERKINS, identified [REDACTED] as the Mid-West organizer of the CSJMS at that time. [REDACTED] Reverend PERKINS spoke concerning the SC and of his experiences while traveling throughout the United States to speak on the SC. He stated on this occasion that he had recently contacted a number of Yale University professors and New Haven area ministers concerning the SC. u b7D

On March 10, 1960, NH T-2 advised that on April 17, 1958, DAN MORGAN, Supra, communicated with Professor MALCOLM P. SHARPE, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, concerning the possibility of Professor SHARPE appearing as the guest speaker at a SOBELL meeting in New Haven, Connecticut. u

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**II. SUPPORT OF CSJMS BY NATIONAL GUARDIAN  
READERS CLUB, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the  
National Guardian Readers Club (NGRC) was held [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at which it was  
announced that a letter had been received from the CSJMS  
thanking the NGRC for its recent contribution to the  
Committee. At this meeting it was also announced that the  
NGRC would sponsor a dinner on April 7, 1956, at Bridgeport,  
Connecticut, to raise funds for the CSJMS. *b7D*

[REDACTED]  
corroborated the information furnished by [REDACTED] *b7D*

On April 11, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that a "Morton Sobell  
dinner" was held on April 7, 1956, at 53 Prospect Street,  
Bridgeport, Connecticut, the residence of PAULA MAC LEECH.  
According to the informant, this dinner was sponsored by  
the NGRC and the principal speaker was SARAH HAMMOND, from  
the CSJMS in New York, New York, who urged all to raise  
money to support the SC and to write to the President  
requesting freedom for MORTON SOBELL. *b7D*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] identified in part the  
information furnished by [REDACTED] *b7D*

**III. SUBVERSIVE AFFILIATION OF INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE  
IN CSJMS IN CONNECTICUT**

**THOMAS I. EMERSON**  
Professor, Yale University  
Law School, New Haven,  
Connecticut

Name appears as signer of letter to President  
of United States distributed in June, 1957,  
by CSJMS asking for new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED]

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Chaired rally sponsored by CSJMS at New York,  
New York, on 6/19/59

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Attended SOBELL discussion meeting held 4/27/60  
at New Haven, Connecticut.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Identified as one of eleven vice presidents of  
National Lawyers Guild in 1959, a characterization  
of which appears in the Appendix section hereto.

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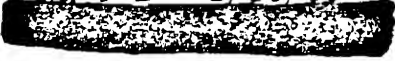
The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been  
designated by the Attorney General of the  
United States pursuant to Executive Order  
10450.



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RABBI ROBERT E. GOLDBURG

Name appears as honorary sponsor of CSJMS on letterhead stationery of CSJMS in 1959 and 1960.

(Source: NH T-2 - 3/10/60 <sup>u</sup>  b2

Identified as sponsor of American Peace Crusade in 1951.

(Source: 3/15/51 edition of <sup>u</sup> "Daily Worker")

Identified as sponsor of National Labor Conference for Peace in 1951.

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Identified as sponsor of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in 1952.

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The American Peace Crusade, National Labor Conference for Peace, and the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of the "Daily Worker" appears in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

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PAULA MAENAK, Aka.  
Mrs. Paula Mac Leech

Fund raising dinner for CSJMS held at her  
Bridgeport, Connecticut, residence on 4/7/56.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Identified as CP member in Bridgeport, Connecticut,  
as late as 1/5/54.

[REDACTED]

b7D

DAN MORGAN

Active in April, 1958, in obtaining speaker for  
SOBELL meeting at New Haven, Connecticut.

(Source: NH T-2 - 3/10/60)

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Invited in October, 1959, by CSJMS to attend  
Eastern Regional Work Conference of CSJMS held  
11/7 - 8/59 at New York, New York.

(Source: NH T-2 - 3/10/60)

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Contacted in November, 1959, by CSJMS concerning  
distribution of CSJMS literature in Connecticut.

(Source: NH T-2 - 3/10/60)

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Identified as member-at-large of Socialist Workers  
Party (SWP) as late as January 29, 1960.

(Source: NH T-21 - 1/29/60)

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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney  
General of the United States pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

WILLARD UPHAUS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The 2/24/57 edition of "The Worker" contains an article on Page 7 identifying WILLARD UPHAUS as co-director of the American Peace Crusade. u

Identified as National Co-Chairman of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in 1959.

[REDACTED]

The American Peace Crusade and the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

LOUIS ZEMEL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] u b1

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

APPENDIX  
DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
- SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

NATIONAL GUARDIAN READER'S CLUB  
(NGRC), aka. National Guardian  
Readers Group, National Guardian  
Club, National Guardian Group

An informant advised on March 12, 1954, that the NGRC was organized in 1953, by PAULA MAC LEECH, identified by [REDACTED] as a Communist Party (CP) member in Connecticut, and consisted of a group of subscribers to the publication "National Guardian". According to [REDACTED] this group was for all practical purposes a Marxist Study Group, and the curriculum of the group was the same as that given to a CP recruit. b7D

Individuals identified by informants as being active in the NGRC during the period 1953-1960 have been identified as either CP members or CP sympathizers during the period 1953-1960, by some of these informants, [REDACTED] b7D

During 1958-1959, according to an informant, the NGRC centered its activities around the obtaining of new subscribers to the "National Guardian", and the raising of funds which were turned over to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

[REDACTED] the NGRC will continue to emphasize the solicitation of new subscribers to the "National Guardian", and the raising of funds to be contributed to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

The "National Guardian" and the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, mentioned above, are characterized separately.

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947, as a 'progressive' weekly. \*\*\* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

(Committee on Un-American Activities Report,  
"Trial by Treason: The National Committee  
to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and  
Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12).

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)

PUBLICATIONS

DAILY WORKER

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

THE WORKER

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**In Reply, Please Refer  
to File No. 100-14203**

**June 24 , 1960**

**Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

**Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

**Reference: Report of SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above,  
at New Haven, Connecticut** b7c

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387235)

5/27/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION  
IS-C; ISA '50

Re SAC letter 60 - 2 which disseminated a current  
characterization of captioned organization.

The characterization of captioned organization as  
set forth in SAC letter 60 - 2 is current and correct.

2-Bureau (100-387235)  
1-New York (100-90311) (41)  
1-New York (100-107111) (41)

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JUN 28 1960

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

6/29/60

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director dated May 4, 1960.

The "Minnesota Daily," a publication of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on page one of the May 18, 1960, issue reported that WEDGE NEWMAN visited the University Campus on May 17, 1960, as part of her Midwest tour in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, serving a thirty year sentence as an accomplice of the executed spies, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

NEWMAN, in her statement, said she believed SOBELL was innocent because only one person testified against him and that there was no evidence to prove him guilty. She claimed that MAX ELITCHER, the prosecution witness, an admitted perjurer, told only of the telephone calls between himself, SOBELL, and ROSENBERGS and of his visit to the SOBELL home in New York, and had related a conversation between himself and SOBELL in which SOBELL, speaking about JULIUS ROSENBERG, had stated that ROSENBERG had spoken to ELIZABETH BENTLEY on the telephone but that he did not think she knew who he was and therefore everything was okay.

NEWMAN also stated that she knew the ROSENBERGS were innocent because they were never really proven guilty. She said that they were killed because they took the Fifth Amendment and death was their punishment during the McCARTHY era.

NEWMAN declared that she began fighting for SOBELL's re-trial in 1953 after she attended a mass meeting in Los Angeles and that there are now some twenty-five major cities which have organized committees.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Los Angeles (100-41648) (RM)  
2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)  
1 - Minneapolis  
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[REDACTED] Northwest Airlines  
(protect identity) advised on May 19, 1960, that NEWMAN departed b7D  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Flight #12 at 5:00 PM for Detroit,  
Michigan.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

6/29/60

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IT-C, SSA - 1960  
OO - NEW YORK

Re New York airtel to Director dated 6/17/60 and New York airtel to Minneapolis dated 6/13/60.

On June 20, 1960, [REDACTED] advised that on June 16, 1960, the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL sponsored a meeting at the Unity Church, corner of Groveland and Portland, St. Paul, Minnesota, at which the principal speaker was HELEN SOBELL. She stated that her husband, MORTON, had been sentenced to thirty years on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, a crime that he did not commit while others who had testified for the Government received lesser sentences or not at all. b7D

HELEN SOBELL continued by stating that the only reason MORTON SOBELL was prosecuted was that he refused to be a witness for the prosecution against the ROSENBERGS and that in retaliation, the Government added his name to the indictment. She went on to state that the only witness linking MORTON SOBELL to the ROSENBERGS, whom she also believed were innocent, was MAX ELITCHER, a mentally sick individual who had perjured himself and now wanted to save himself.

[REDACTED] advised that after HELEN SOBELL's speech, a question and answer period followed.

According to [REDACTED] approximately fifty-five individuals attended the above meeting, including SAM DAVIS, Secretary of the Communist Party, Minnesota-Dakota District. b7D

New York will be furnished a copy of the statement of [REDACTED]

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2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)  
1 - Minneapolis  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

June 29, 1960

SAC, DETROIT (100-20938)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA of 1950  
(OO: New York)

Re New York airtel to Director dated June 17, 1960,  
captioned as above.

[REDACTED] (protect) advised the Detroit Office on  
June 22, 1960, that approximately two weeks ago a woman whose  
name he could not recall telephonically informed him of the  
forthcoming visit of HELEN SOBELL to Detroit and [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in  
the past, advised on February 22, 1960, that ELINOR MAKI was  
a member of the 12th Street Club, Michigan District CP. b7D

[REDACTED] conference was held by a WWJ  
reporter on June 20, 1960, at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, b7D  
Detroit. After reviewing the results of this conference,  
he decided not to use the material since in his opinion  
same was not an item worthy of public interest.

[REDACTED] furnished all material pertaining to instant  
matter to SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7C  
This material consisted of a film with sound track; a tape b7D  
recording, both of the press conference. He also made available  
a 14 page pamphlet captioned "Committee to Secure Justice For  
MORTON SOBELL" dated January 5, 1960, all of which are being

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111)(RM)
- 1 - Package
- 1 - Detroit

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forwarded under separate cover to the Office of Origin,  
New York. [REDACTED] stated he does not wish any of this material  
to be returned. b7D

It is to be noted the film mentioned above contains  
good closeup photographs of Mrs. SOBELL. It is suggested  
the Office of Origin review same as well as the film track  
and tape recording for any data of pertinence to captioned  
investigation.

In summary the film track and tape recording concern  
a question and answer interview wherein Mrs. SOBELL appeals  
for another court review of her husband's case claiming new  
evidence never previously examined by the court and a hope  
to explore every avenue of defense. Mrs. SOBELL states she  
and her husband knew JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG but were not  
close friends of the ROSENBERGs. In response to questioning,  
Mrs. SOBELL stated she is not and has never been a member of  
the Communist Party.

6/30/60

PLAIN TEXT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387635)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C  
ISA, 1950  
(OO:NY)

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On Page 24 of the 6/27/60 late city edition of "The New York Times" is a letter datelined NY, 6/23/60, captioned "Forcible Abduction-Standard Set By United States For Itself and For Israel Contrasted" signed by HERBERT MONTE LEVY and MARSHALL MACDUFFIE.

LEVY and MACDUFFIE are editorially described as follows:

"The writers of the following letter were respectively former staff counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union and former chief counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Constitutional Rights."

3- Bureau (100-387635) (RM)  
3- New York (100-107111)

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This letter is set forth in part as follows:

"In siding at the first United Nations debate with Argentina's claim that "her sovereignty has been infringed by the manner in which EICHMANN was removed," the United States is now demanding of Israel a higher nobility than the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of our Constitution requires of American states.....

"Moreover, the United States has in this decade, proposed a different standard for itself than it now proposes for Israel. Our government has taken the position that it has the right to try a Communist spy allegedly kidnapped on foreign territory with American connivance.

"Morton Sobell arguing that he had been so kidnapped in Mexico, claimed that "his conviction would be a nullity if it were proved that the government thus secured jurisdiction over his person in violation of United States law and international agreement. The government answers that, even if United States officials had participated in Sobell's alleged kidnapping, the court in a criminal case, unlike a civil case, would still have jurisdiction over his person as long as he was physically present at the trial."

"Now we have the United States saying that it may participate in the kidnapping abroad of a Communist spy for trial here, but that Israel cannot seize-without adequate reparations-one of the greatest mass murderers in history."

SAC, NEW YORK (100- )

6-30-60

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-44995)

IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN, aka  
SM - C

OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles letter to Director 4-20-60,  
captioned as above, with additional caption of "Committee  
to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, IS - C, ISA of 1950."

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[REDACTED]

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3 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-107111)(CSJMS)  
2 - Los Angeles  
(1 - 100-41648)(Committee to Secure  
Justice for Morton Sobell)

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- 2 - New York (100-387835) (encls. 2) (RM)
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